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CHINESE NEW YEAR.

HONGKONG STICKS TO LUNAR CALENDAR.

From all indications the majority of the Chinese in the Colony will continue to observe the old Lunar New Year, despite the Chinese Government's prohibition and despite the fact that the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, the leading Chinese organization here, will partially observe the Gregorian calendar and hold its New Year tea-party celebration on January 1.

Sometime ago the Chinese Chamber of Commerce discussed the advisability of abolishing the Lunar calendar in business usage, but doubt was expressed of the willingness of merchants to follow the example. The Chamber accordingly confined itself to the change in date of its annual reception.

Some of the leading Chinese banks may hold their New Year tea-parties and other celebration receptions on January 1; but it is learned that in the Nam Pak Hong the majority of the firms will again follow the old Lunar system. A definite change of venue has been decided upon by the Police for the annual Chinese New Year Fair, which has been held in Jervois Street and vicinity for many years.

This year the bazaar will be held on the Praya East reclamation, a portion of which has been specially set aside by the Public Works Department.

The Police have drawn up an elaborate scheme, one which will meet with the approval of the stall holders as well as of the general public. The area which is being specially reserved is bounded by Lyard Road on the west, Hennessy Road on the north, Johnston Road on the south and O'Brien Road on the east. Sufficient space is available for laying out 400 stalls all of which will be methodically arranged so that visitors to the fair will find access less awkward than in previous years.

According to the plans prepared by the Police each trade will be allocated a certain section, the centre of the bazaar being reserved for curio dealers.

The flower vendors will occupy the section facing O'Brien Road. The other stall-holders will be given adequate provision in the other sections.

Application for stall permits, which will be issued free of charge, must be made to the Hawkers' Department at the Central Police Station before the alloc-

tion of a stall. Each applicant will be given a permit and a number corresponding with the stall number which has been allotted to him.

Each stall will occupy an area of ten feet square with a space of 20 feet between each block of stalls.

At the Lyard Road and O'Brien Road ends approach avenues each 50 feet wide will be provided while those intending to visit the fair are warned that there will be no means of entrance by Johnston Road as it is considered that it would be a source of danger if people used Johnston Road, along which the trams run.

The fair will open on January 27, and close on February 5, Saturday, February 6 being Chinese New Year's Day.

Merchants Apprehensive.

While the transfer from the Central District to the Wancha Reclamation will give the stall-holders more space for the exhibition of their products, there is a general feeling of apprehension for the success of the Chinese New Year Bazaar this year. The consensus of opinion among the merchants is that the comparatively remote location may reduce popularity and trade. The merchants hold the view that the exhibition arranged on Wing Lok Street, Bonham Strand East, Jervois Street, and Wellington Streets was easily reached from the centre of the Chinese business quarter in Nam Pak Hong, and was also convenient of approach by the Chinese residents living on the middle-levels from Caine Road downwards.

The ban enforced by the Nan king and Canton Governments against the celebration of the Chinese New Year may also produce an adverse effect on the local bazaar. The New Year celebrations will be curtailed considerably in Canton this year and it is open to doubt whether the dealer in Canton will send much of their commodities down to Hongkong.

Curios From Canton.

Practically all curios displayed at the Chinese New Year Bazaar come from Canton and on cause of the economic depression the dealers who incurred expense in transport of their product down from Canton complain of the profits made in their annual visits here. The decline in the business is said to be due to inadequate patronage from the foreign community.

The Flower Market.

The flower market which generally constitutes the centre of (Continued on Page 15.)

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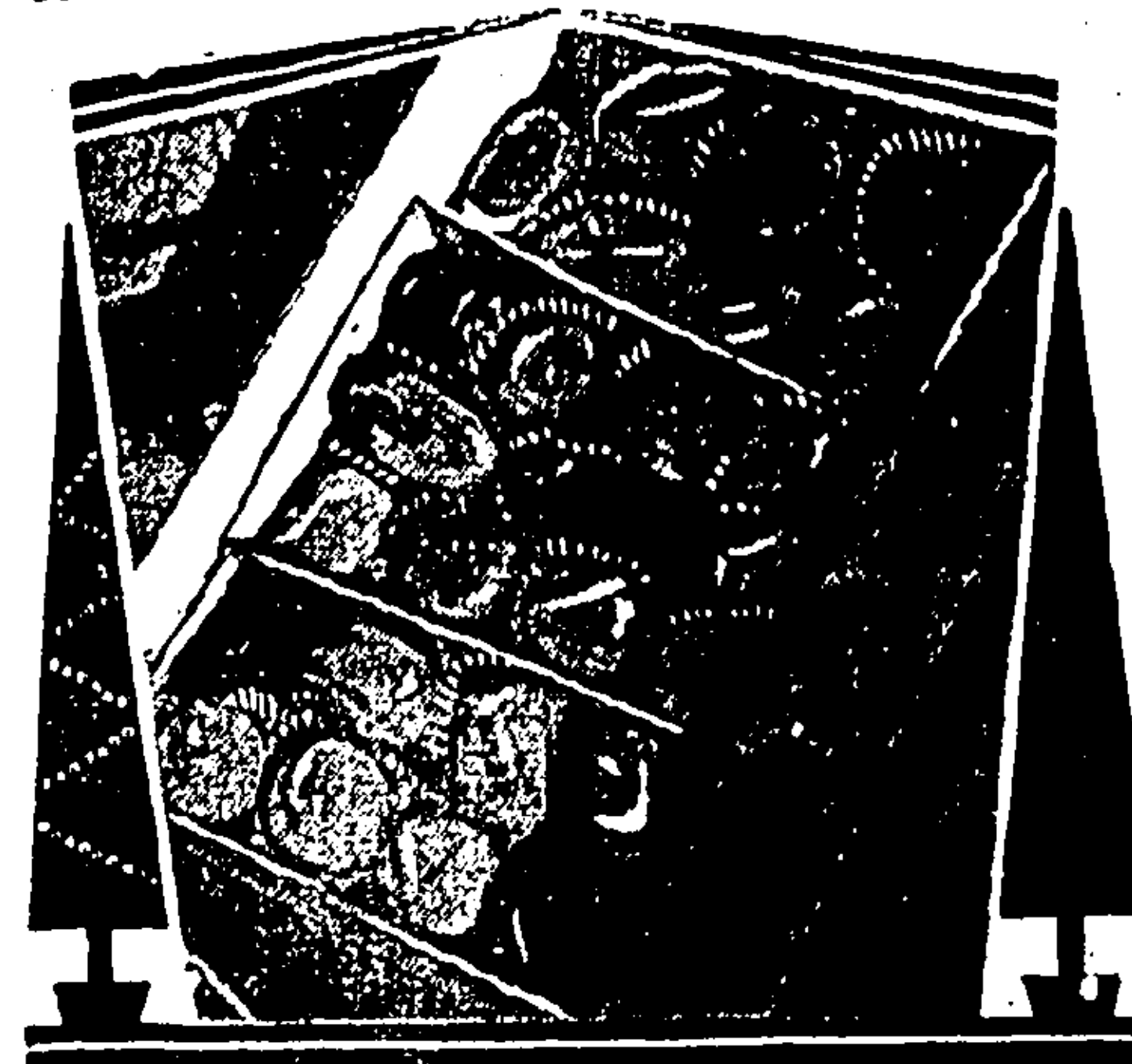
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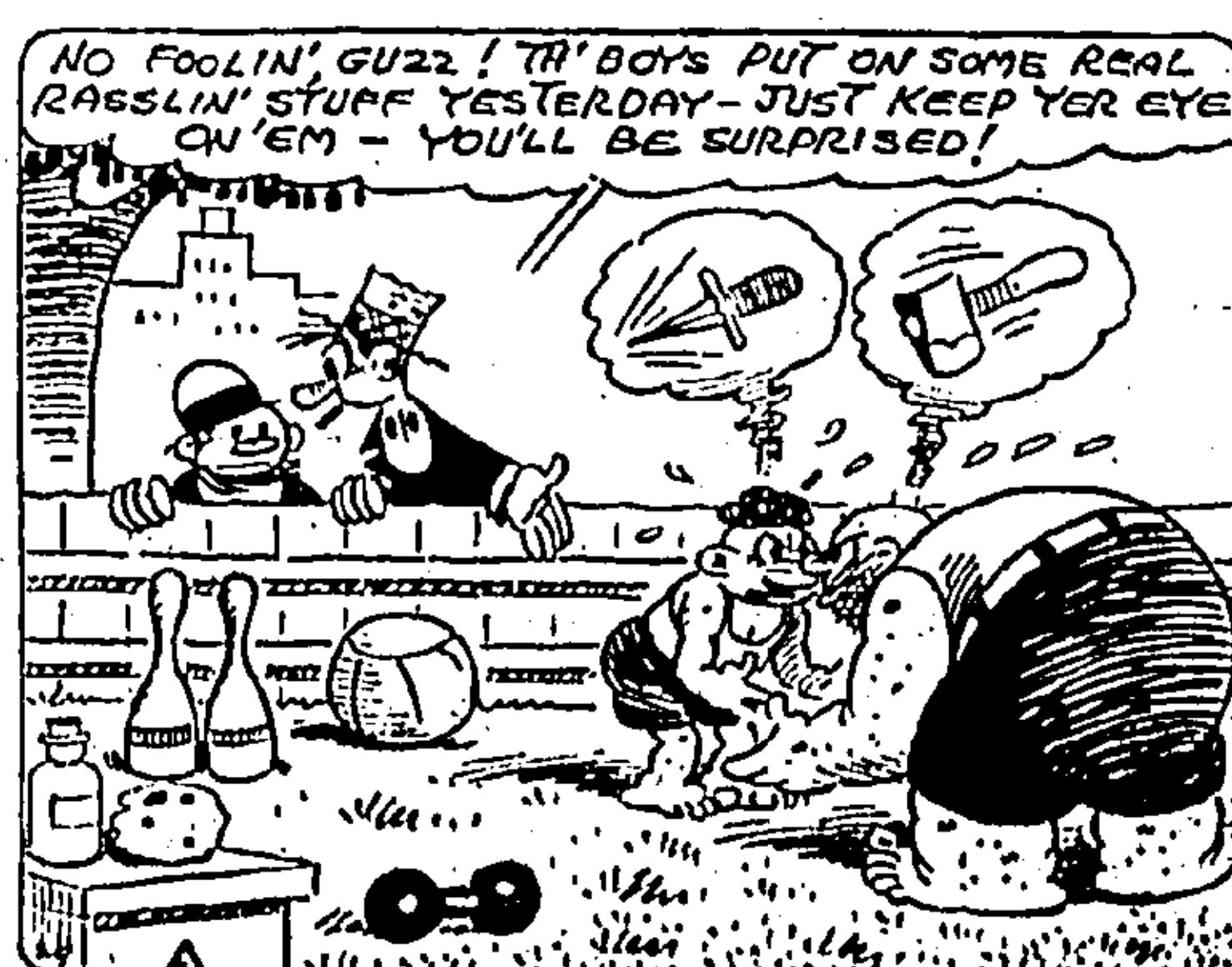
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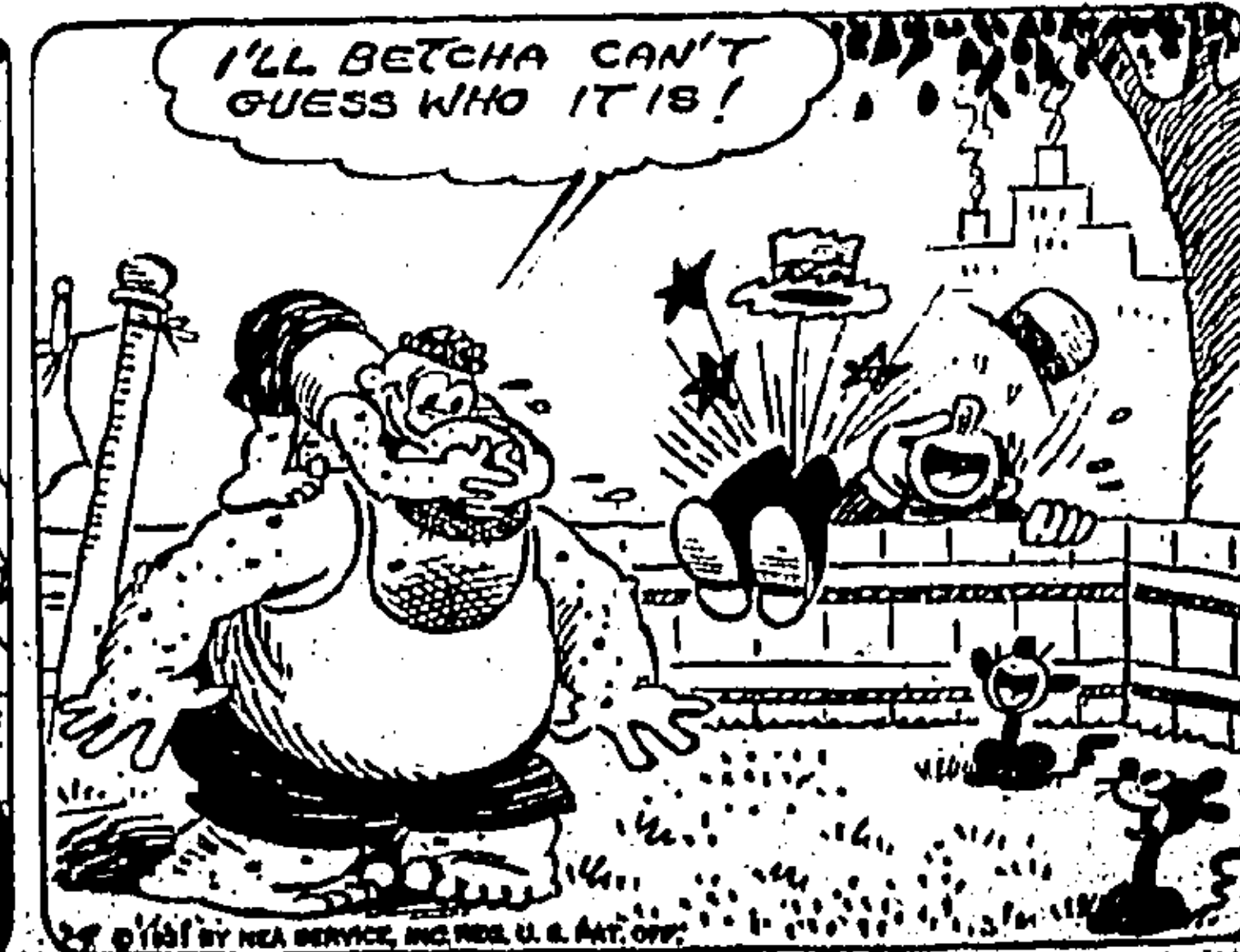
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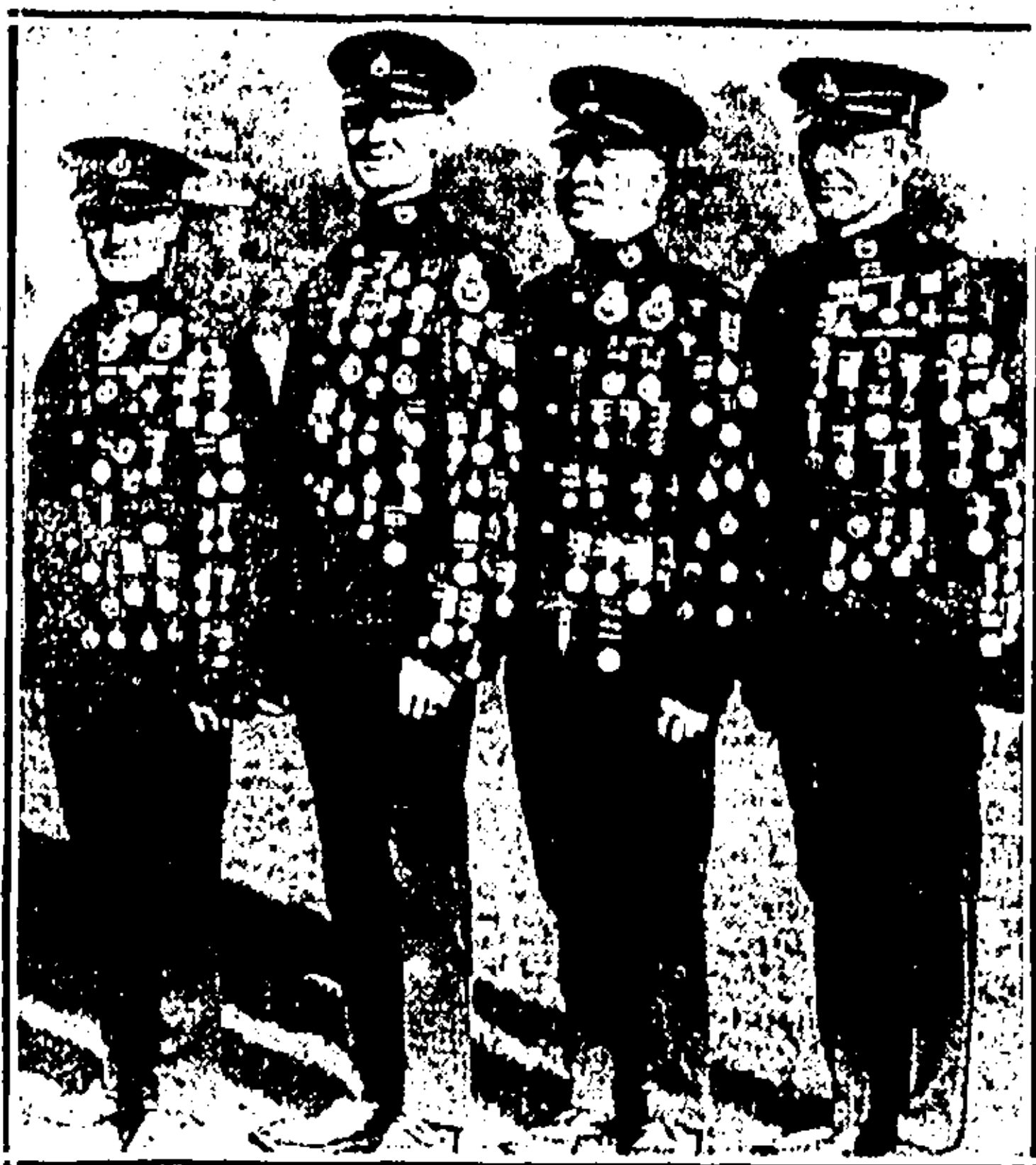
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When Miss Betty Robinson went to the dog show at the Crystal Palace, to choose a pet, this was the one she selected. When this picture was taken the huge St. Bernard, was warning the photographer that the big black box had better not threaten any harm to his newly adopted mistress.

Gems of Peril

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BEGIN HERE TO-DAY.

Rich old Mrs. Jupiter is robbed and murdered during the engagement party she gives for her secretary, Mary Kane. Mary's secret admirer, Eddie, is supposed to have been upstairs at the murder hour. Mary knows this. Mary's fiancé, Dirk Ruyther, advises her to keep still about having arranged to admit Eddie secretly until he can locate the boy. Mary promises a man from touring Brown of the Star about the unknown visitor. Dirk telephones that he has had a call from Eddie and will take Mary to see him that afternoon.

Dirk overrules and Bowen drives Mary to the rendezvous. Eddie is killed by a car as he crosses the street. He mumbles about a fly before he dies. Weeks pass and Inspector Kane drops the case, believing Eddie the murderer. When Mary promises, Kane tells her both Mr. Jupiter and Dirk believe the same.

Bowen tells Mary there is a racketeer gambler and crook called The Fly to whom her brother owed a large sum of money. He gives Mary a coat he found in the Jupiter house the night of the murder. It is her brother's.

CHAPTER XIII

There was no doubt that it was Eddie Harkness' coat. Mary ran investigating fingers under the collar, and found the small black tape, lettered in red, with his initials, "E. J. H."

"Well," said Bowen flatly, "this shows me up for what I am—beautiful but dumb. I thought sure that coat belonged to one of the reporters. Never entered my mind it could be—Boy, if Kane ever hears of this! Well, well, well! Obviously he was rejudging his ideas to fit this new development."

"Then—he did come, after all," Mary stroked the coat with gentle fingers, as if it had been a human thing.

"Looks like it," Bowen agreed. "But that doesn't prove he did it, you know," he offered by way of comfort.

"He was there," Mary repeated dully. "Perhaps—Kane was right. Perhaps they're all—right, and I'm wrong."

"We—U, I'm not convinced!" Bowen said stoutly.

"Really?" Mary lifted grateful, hopeful eyes. "Really, don't you think so?"

"Listen, what did Kane tell you?" Mary retailed their conversation with as little bitterness as she could. "That's what I thought," Bowen commented. "One look at the girl's dejected face set his tongue to wagging in an effort to divert her mind."

"I'll tell you what the matter with Kane," he said. "He'd be a good man if he were anywhere else but in this district. He's a stuffed shirt, a boot-licker. When he was poor kid from shanty-town when he went on the force, and when they promoted him and put him out here, it went to his head. He's got the dollar sign in front of his eyes until he can't see anything else."

"Money talks with most people, but with Kane, it positively shouts. He's so afraid of losing the 'friendship' of some of these rich birds that wouldn't use him for a doorman, that he wouldn't cross them if they said black was white."

"I've always played a lone game, ever since I've been on this job. All Kane ever hands out is a line of bull. He'd have chased this guy to hell and gone, and strung him up by the thumbs to please Jupiter—in fact, he was all set to make a name for himself by capturing the murderer single-handed. Then the word came down from on high, 'lay off'—and he lay right down at his master's feet and wagged his tail. That's the kind of a pup he is."

"But there's still you and me, eh? How about it? If you say the word, we'll go right ahead and dig up what we can. When we've got enough to make a case, we'll put it before the District Attorney. He'll have to act."

"But—are you sure you want it? It might make things pretty messy

for you at home, you know. With your boy-friend, and all. He'd rather have it shunned, I understand."

How much did he know? Mary wondered with a sinking heart how public her affairs had become. She looked down at the coat over her arm. "Do you honestly think there's any use?"

"I do. By the way, something's been tickling my mind ever since you mentioned this being your brother's coat. What was it he said there in the ambulance? 'Make him give me my coat!' Wasn't that it? Look here, I'll bet a cookie that coat was a plant! No thief goes around leaving his overcoat, you know—it's not being done."

"That's how I came to pick it up in the first place. I was the last man upstairs that night, and coming down I saw this coat hanging on the stair rail in the upper hall. I knew I'd be seeing all the police reporters next day and I took it alone to turn over to the owner. None of them claimed it, though. Then I thought it must belong to some detective, but I'd wasted enough time on it, so I hung it up in my locker and left it there. Nothing in the pockets to identify it by."

He saw that she was not listening. Her mind was on her brother. He could see that even her faith was shaken. He stopped short.

Mary held up the coat. "What ought we to do with it? Take it there?" She motioned toward the police station.

"Take it home. It's yours. You'd only give Kane one more excuse to say 'I told you so.'"

"You've been awfully kind. I'll never forget it," Mary told him seriously. "Goodbye, and good luck."

"I'll let you know what turns up," he replied. "Keep your nerve! Remember it's all in a lifetime."

It came to him as he stood watching the shiny black bus carry her away, that he had just stripped himself of his last dollar in her behalf.

He had not so much as mentioned the information he had to his paper, realizing that it was far too slim a probability to impress a hard-headed city editor. What kind of a sap was he becoming anyhow?

Mr. George Bowen heaved something that was very like a sigh. Mary, hugging the damp coat and staring out at the vivid green of the trees and hedges as they rolled along the road to the Point, gradually lost the optimism that Bowen's loquacious enthusiasm had roused in her. She was going home to the Jupiter house reluctantly, for the first time. How could she bear to face Mr. Jupiter again, knowing what he thought? She felt alienated from those who had been closest and dearest to her. They had shielded her, or tried to; but they had kept their real thoughts from her as if she were a child or an imbecile. It frightened her, and made her feel small and young and inexperienced.

She was almost tempted to relax and rest against that love of theirs, that plotted for her own good without consulting her wishes in the matter. But at the same time, something noddled her uncomfortably forward. It was not their business; it was hers, and Eddie's. Gratitude fought with angry resentment in her heart.

All this sensational publicity about the murder of Mrs. Jupiter and Eddie's death—no one called that murder, she noticed bitterly—of course it was unpleasant. No wonder the chills had crept up and

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down Emily Ann Ruyther's patriotic back! But which was more important—justice or a stiff-necked old woman's pride?

Bowling along in the big, shiny bus between exquisitely landscaped private parks, studded here and there with the vine-shrouded homes of the ultra rich, all that had just occurred in the village seemed unreal. George Bowen and his scheme seemed fantastic, common. Had she really been in that horrible place, eating impossible food, with a foul-smelling waiter and a hare-brained "crime reporter" for companions? Looking back at herself through the cold blue eyes of Mrs. Ruyther, she began to think she was losing her mind.

What on earth would Dirk say? She should have consulted him. She began to feel like a truant child lagging schoolward.

Well, it was past. If George Bowen rang up the house she would not even talk to him. No doubt his schemes were just an excuse to print Heaven-knew-what about her! She shuddered at the thought of tomorrow's Star and what it might contain.

It was Thursday and she was dining at the Ruythers. Well, she would do all she could to make it up to Dirk. The truth, dimly felt before, now revealed itself to her bit by bit, as on an unrolling scroll Dirk's worried abstraction, Mrs. Ruyther's fluttering apologetic air, Mr. Ruyther's booming heartiness. There was something they were all ashamed of, that they felt had to apologize for. It had all passed unnoticed, except as background. She had been so absorbed that their suspicions had glanced off without

pricking her. Now it all came back with a rush—every cutting two-edged word that had been turned toward her, every blank and guarded look, awkward moments that she now realized would have been definite snubs if the snubbers had dared. What had stopped them? The power of the Ruyther name! Not even the Jupiter money was so wonder-working as that.

With a sudden rush of understanding and pity, she knew that Dirk must have been having a bad time at home. No doubt he had had to fight for even the semblance of surface ease. With only one son to marry off, Mrs. Ruyther would have liked to see him marry "to advantage." She had accepted snary without enthusiasm, because there was nothing she could say against her. But now, good heavens!

Suddenly she wanted to see Dirk terribly. She wished the bus would hurry. It was only three or so, but he might come early.

The bus ground to a stop to take on two passengers, who turned out to be Cornelia Tabor and another girl, a little blonde fluff named Ethel Somebody, who was visiting Cornelia from Boston. Mary had seen her picture in the society section front sent, without looking back. Mary was leaning her head against the cool window, and sat slumped down in the seat so that they would hardly have seen her any more.

As the bus topped a rise and began to coast down the other side, their voices became distinctly audible.

"Rotten for Dirk, but I don't suppose he realized it—men in love are so stupid. Oh, I don't think he's

so much in love. Don't you? Why don't you think so?" Then shrieks of mirth, subsiding into giggles. "Oh, it's too funny—the family skeleton walking out and rattling just at this time—every family has one, they say—my dear, not the Ruythers! Can you imagine a Ruyther walking around in his house?" More shrieks, more giggles.

Mary turned hot and cold, and shrank down further to avoid any chance of being seen. Or were they doing it for her benefit? She couldn't tell. Thank goodness, they would get off presently. Mary was relieved to see the big Tabor house loom up on the hill ahead. Just then Cornelia looked around, whether guiltily or not Mary couldn't decide.

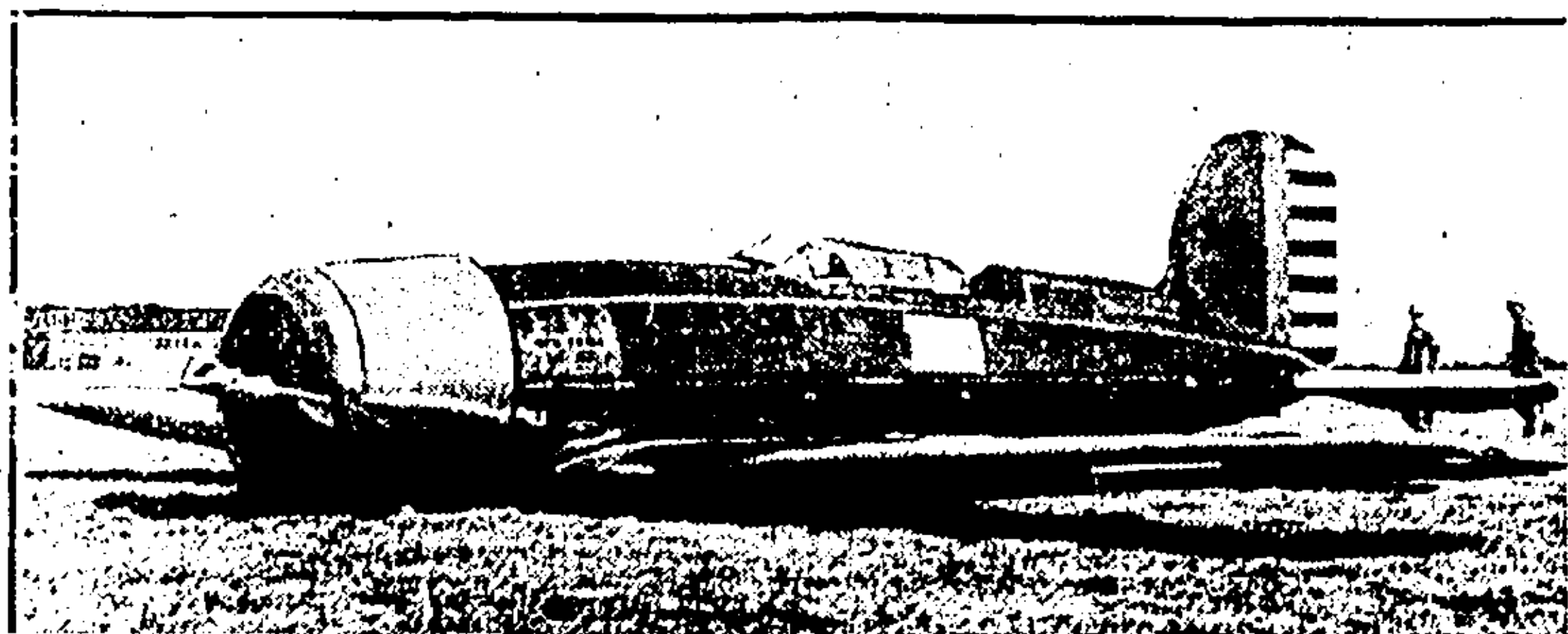
"Oh, my dear!" she shrieked, "I didn't see you there!" She popped up and came back, followed by the other girl, and sat down opposite.

"How the murder came along?" Cornelia seemed determined to blot out the memory of her former fearfulness by being unusually vivacious. "Dirk's a beast, usually vivacious. 'Dirk's a beast' just says it's all settled, and he won't tell me a thing more about it. How can a thing more about the murderer isn't in jail?"

Mary merely shrugged. So Dirk had seen Cornelia, had he? He hadn't mentioned it.

Cornelia's gaze rested curiously on the man's topcoat lying across Mary's lap.

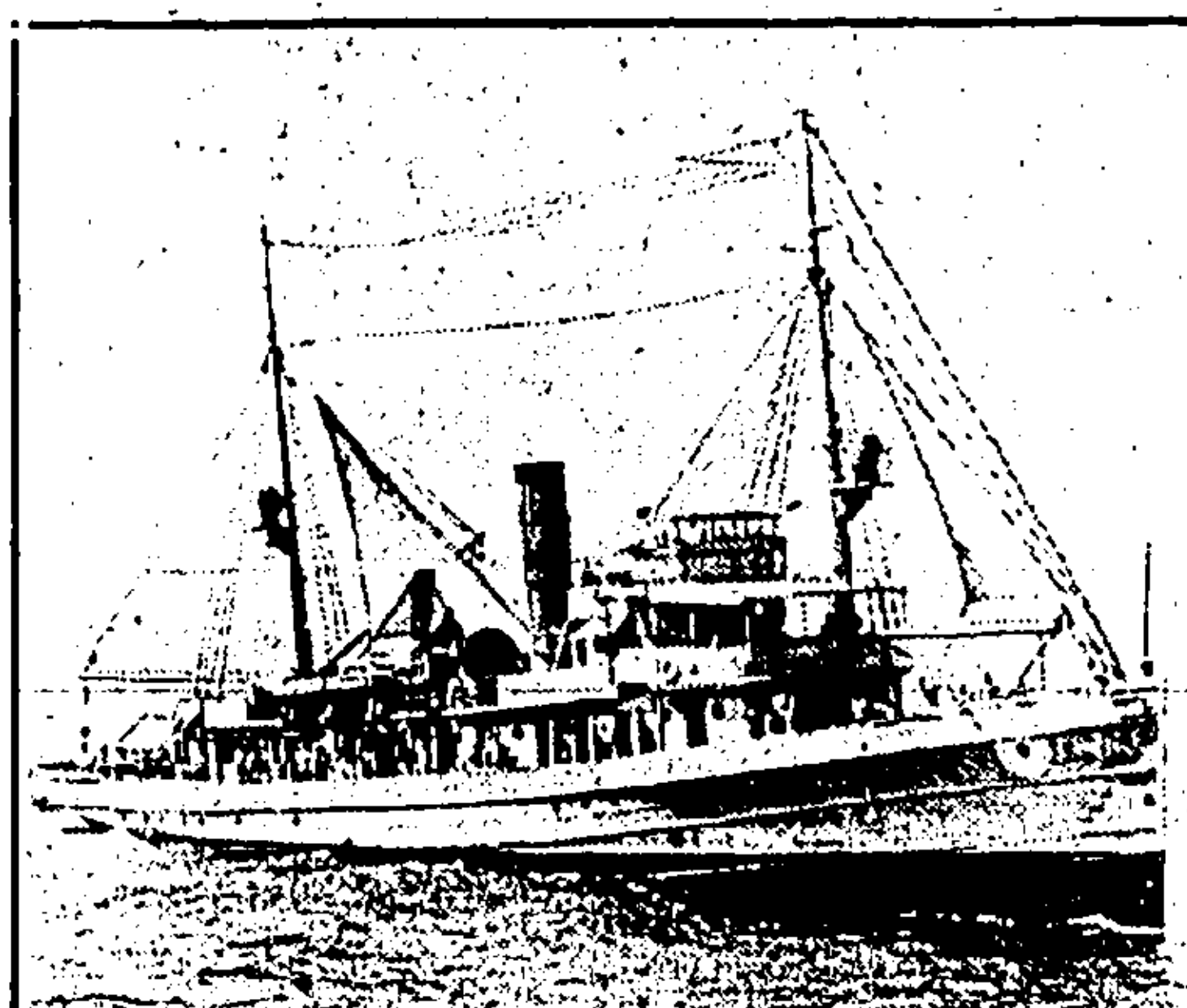
"That's not Dirk's, is it? Two timing him already, are you?" "It's my brother's," Mary said. Cornelia gasped. "Oh, my dear, I'd forgotten about your brother. You must forgive me. So sorry." (Continued on Page 10.)



Appearing like a huge bird at rest, this plane—with a retractable landing gear that wouldn't unfold—gave the U.S. Assistant Secretary of War, Mr. F. Trubee Davidson, a narrow escape from injury. Though the plane was damaged when it came to earth neither occupant was hurt. The landing gear jammed while the craft was in flight and the flyers were faced with the problem of taking to their parachutes or landing on the body of the plane.



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 Hongkong, 21st December, 1931.

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Wesleyan Methodist Church, Wan-chai. (Opposite Royal Naval Hospital, Queen's Road, East.) Christmas Day 25th December, 1931. 10.15 a.m. Special Christmas Service Preacher: Rev. Ernie C. H. Tribbeck Subject: Wondering and Pondering. Sunday 27th December, 1931. Morning Service 10.15 a.m. Evening Worship 6 p.m. Preacher at both Services.—Rev. Ernie C. H. Tribbeck. At the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home.—Every Sunday at 3 p.m.—Bible Class. Every Sunday at 8.15 p.m. Service Men's Hour. Boxing Day 26th December, 1931. Special Christmas Party for Service Men. 7 p.m. Tuesday, at 8 p.m. Fellowship Hour. Thursday, 31st December, 11 p.m. Watch-night—Service in the Sailors' & Soldiers' Home. All are welcome.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS

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1	Inland Lot No. 3226, Wong Nei Chung.	As per sale plan.	About 519	\$19	\$2,600

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SERVICES BILLIARDS.

FINAL OF THE Y.M.C.A. COMPETITION.

The final of the Y.M.C.A. Services billiards tournament was played in the presence of a very enthusiastic audience on Tuesday night in the European Y.M.C.A., Kowloon, between H.M.S. Medway "A" and the S.W.P. "A," resulting in a win for S.W.P. "A."

Individual scores were as follows:

H.M.S. Medway "A."	
C. G. A. Blinn	95
E. R. A. Green	160
E. R. A. Almond	82
E. R. A. Ashby	80
E. R. A. Grippen	67
M. A. A. Churchman	104
	678

S.W.P. "A."

C/ams. Jarman	150
C. S. M. Smith	50
C. S. M. Lewis	150
C. S. M. Kito	150
Sgt. Harris	150
	600

At the conclusion of the match Mr. J. H. Hunt on behalf of the Y.M.C.A. presented the captain of the winning team with the cup and a silver spoon to each member of the team. He congratulated H.M.S. Medway on being in the final and made mention of the keenness and interest with which the tournament had been contested, and congratulated the winners.

The European Y.M.C.A. billiards team has challenged the winners.

N. Sze-kwong Cups.

The seventh match in the first round of the Services billiards tournament for the Ng Sze-kwong Challenge Cups was played at the Salers' and Soldiers' Home last evening, when H.M.S. Suffolk met the 93rd A. & S. Highlanders.

The game between Corporal Grant and Marine Spencer was full of interest, both players making consistent breaks of 10, 12 and 15 until the hundred mark had been passed, when Corporal Grant seemed to have struck his last ball and fell away leaving his opponent to win by 27.

The results of last night's games were as follows:

H.M.S. Suffolk.	
O. A. Underwood	150
Marine Spencer	150
C. O. A. Proctor	150
Cook Elliott	80
Cook Gough	89
93rd A. & S. Highlanders.	
Private Kerr	123
Corporal Grant	123
Private McLaughlin	112
Corporal Stewart	150
Private Robson	150

The next match is between H.M.S. Cornwall and the 1st Battalion of the South Wales Borderers, and will be played on Monday evening, December 28, commencing at 7 p.m. Spectators are welcome.

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Hongkong Bank, \$1500 a.	
Chartered Bank, \$107½ n.	
Mercantile A. and B., \$17½ n.	
East Asia, \$128 n.	
Insurance—	
Canton Ins., \$1,450 n.	
Union Ins., \$420 n.	
China Underwriters, \$4.90 n.	
China Fire, \$850 n.	
H. K. Fire Ins., \$1,450 n.	
Steam—	
Douglases, \$25 b.	
H. K. Steamboats, \$24 n.	
Indo-China (P&O), \$25 n.	
Union Waterboats, \$27 n.	
Others—	
Renault, \$10½ n.	
Kailans, 27/6 n.	
Shai Explorations, Tls. 2.70 n.	
Raub, \$40¼ b.	
Others—	
Kowloon Wharves, \$153 b.	
Whampoa Docks, \$20 n.	
South China, \$100 n.	
Providents (old), \$5.30 b.	
Hongkewas, Tls. 225 n.	
New Engineers, Tls. 6¼ n.	
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 95 n.	
Cottons—	
Ewo Cottons Tls. 15.40 n.	
S'hai Cotton Tls. 82 n.	
Zoon Sings Tls. 12 n.	
Others—	
H. K. S. Hotel (old) \$15.30 b.	
H. K. S. Hotel (new) \$14.75 b.	
H. K. Lands, \$81 b.	
S'hai Land, Tls. 82½ n.	
Humphreys, \$19 n.	
Realities, \$11.75 n.	
Public Utilities.	
Tramways, \$21.50 b.	
Peak Trams, (old), \$15¼ n.	
Star Ferries, \$96¼ n.	
China Light, 27.25 n.	
H. K. Electric, \$77¼ b.	
Macao Electric, \$28 n.	
Telephones, \$43 n.	
China Buses, Tls. 17.00 n.	
Singapore Tractions, 4½ n.	
Industrials—	
China Sugars 50 cts. n.	
Malabons \$39 n.	
Canton Ice, \$5¼ b.	
Cement (com.), \$19.30 b.	
Ropes, \$18 b.	
Others—	
Dairy Farms, \$28¼ b.	
Watsons, \$15 b.	
Der. A. Wings, \$1 n.	
Lane Crawford, \$6.00 n.	
Mackintosh, \$19 n.	
Sincere, \$15¼ n.	
Powells, \$8.00 n.	
Miscellaneous—	
Amusements, \$19.00 n.	
Constructions, (old), \$5.05 b.	

POST OFFICE NOTICE

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

On Friday, the 25th December, and Saturday the 26th December, the General Post Office will be open from 8 a.m. to noon, Kowloon Post Office 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. and the other Branch Post Offices 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. There will be one collection from the pillar boxes and one delivery of ordinary correspondence as on Sundays and one delivery of registered correspondence at 9 a.m.
 The Money Order Office will be entirely closed.

The Public are hereby warned that in view of the passing of the Abnormal Importations Customs Duties Act, no guarantee can be given that any parcel will not be subject to Customs duty on arrival in the United Kingdom. The system of prepayment of Customs' duties in this office is maintained until further notice except as regards parcels of silk or of under the value of 15-0-0 or its equivalent in dollars at the rate of the day. It will however be necessary in these cases to make a deposit against duty equal in amount to the declared value of the Parcel.
 Definite information will be published in the Mail Notices directly it is received.

Postal Rates.

Letters and postcards for Europe and South America are forwarded "Via Siberia" if so superscribed.
 Christmas and New Year cards enclosed in open envelopes addressed to Hongkong, China and Macao, accepted at the special rate for printed matter i.e. 2 cents per 2 ounces. The cards must not bear more than five written words and the envelopes must be entirely open.

INWARD MAIL.

From	Per	Date
Amoy	Per	Tilawa December 24
Japan and Shanghai	Per	Suwa Maru December 24
Canada, U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver, B.C., 6th December)	Per	Atsuta Maru December 25
Manila	Emp. of Japan	December 25
Shanghai and Swatow	Pres. Cleveland	December 25
Shanghai and Swatow	Kwangtung	December 26
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, 27th November)	Soochow	December 26
Europe via Nippon (Letters and Paper), London 26th November	Pres. Hayes	December 26
London Parcels only London, 10th November	Malacca Maru	December 27
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, 4th December)	Eumaeus	December 27
Japan	Pres. Hoover	December 28
Japan	La Plata Maru	December 28
Calcutta and Straits	Nankin	December 30
Japan and Shanghai	Tama	December 30
Japan and Shanghai	Hiyo Maru	December 30
Japan and Shanghai	Rawalpindi	January 1

For
 Holhow and Haiphong
 Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles

Registration	Date and Time
Registration	25th 10 a.m.
Letters	25th 11 a.m.
G.P.O.	
Registration	25th 11.15 a.m.
Letters	25th Noon.
(Due Marseilles, 24th January).	
Bintang	Fri., Dec. 25, noon.
Atsuta Maru	Fri., Dec. 25.
Registration	11.15 a.m.
Letters	Noon.
(Due Thursday Island 7th Jan.)	

Shanghai, Japan, U.S.A., Canada, Central and South America and Europe via Victoria B.C. and Europe via Siberia

President Cleveland Sat., Dec. 26.
 Parcels, Dec. 26, 10 a.m.
 Reg., Dec. 26, 11.15 a.m.
 Letters, Dec. 26, Noon.
 (Due Victoria B.C., 12th January)

Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Italy

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Registration	Sat., Dec. 26, Noon.
Letters	Sat., Dec. 26, Noon.
Emp. of Japan	Sat., Dec. 26, Noon.
Kwangchow	Sun., Dec. 27, 8.30 a.m.
Hokan Maru	Sun., Dec. 27, 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Fochow	Tues., Dec. 29, 2 p.m.
Swatow	Tues., Dec. 29, 5 p.m.
Swatow	
Saigon, Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa and South American Ports	La Plata Maru
	Wed., Dec. 30, 10.30 a.m.
Sandakan	Yusang
	Fri., Jan. 1, 10.30 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Rawalpindi
	Thurs., Jan. 2.

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Has Passed—

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WOMEN'S WORLD

FOR OUR LADY READERS.

Crinolines and Bustles Disappear.



Surple gold and black lorne fashions a simple evening dress (left). The spiral effect of accordion-pleated volants is slenderizing in the black satin evening gown (right).

THE FREEDOM OF THE "FORTIES."

(By K. F. Brodrick.)

The girl of twenty looks with a shudder on the age of forty, which has, for her, nothing in it but wrinkles round the eyes, faded complexion and love gone for ever. "You find joy in being forty?" she will exclaim in deep astonishment. "Surely it isn't possible."

Even thirty may say the same, and even more seriously, because at that age, forty is perilously near. Hanging on to youth, with its charm fast slipping away, the thirties cry: "Soon we shall be forty—middle aged—and all will be over."

But forty (I say this for your comfort, you young people) is not when you come to it, at all gloomy. Good gracious not and youth has been lived reasonably, it is found to be a very comfortable age. "Comfortable?" asks youth. "How terrible just to be comfortable. Is that really all there is to it?"

Substantial Joys.

No, there are real and substantial joys, for when you are forty you have, so to speak, definitely earned. At last you have found yourself, and know what your position in the world stands for. You are no longer restless, nor are you a victim of more of the unobtainable. You are fully conscious of what you can do, and also of what you cannot do, and the last, though one of the hardest lessons to learn, is a useful one when properly digested.

My lady of forty still has her men friends, but she no longer looks to find the lover in them.

No longer will she lose sleep over wondering what is the best way to please the exacting male on whose homage the happiness of her life once seemed to depend.

She will not wander into stilted gardens to listen to the whispers of love (which once, perhaps, vaguely disappointed her), but will sit by the fire or on a sunlit lawn to smoke and to talk of all the varied things in life which cannot, perhaps, be estimated before one is forty.

Real Freedom.

Does the woman of forty wish all the same to be young again? I do not think so. She has a joy in the knowledge that time has brought her much that is useful. If she is married, she probably has her man, not the old sentimentalist he used to be, of course, but thoroughly steady and reliable.

If she is not married, she is probably quite glad not to be for she is free—delightfully free. She can travel alone to the utmost parts of the earth, if she can afford it. She need not wait to be taken. She can have a flat of her own, or rooms, or whatever she can afford and entertain her friends who appeal to her personality. She need not explain her relations to anybody.

And if she so wills, she can wear whatever she likes. Other people's criticism does not touch her.

So the real joy of forty is, you will admit, its freedom. We have no longer to say like the children: "Let us pretend". That game for us is over, and most of us do not repine. We stand, so to speak, at last in its proper perspective, and with plenty of strength still to face what is to come.

FOR EVENING WEAR.

And New Day-Time Coats.

There are few fashions so elegant and feminine as this season's evening coats, whether they be of supple furs, or brocades, velvets or satins allied to exquisite skins.

With all the coats, both fur and fur-trimmed, the length very tremendously. For instance, short jackets are declared *a la mode* and certainly they will have a longer life than the ankle-length wrap which will be considered of no more elegance than an antiquated dressing-gown in a season or two.

The three-quarter length is graceful if cut really slim. I like the vogue for sleeves which are loose and wide; collars, too, are very full, but it is usually left to the sleeves to add to the luxury of the cut of the evening coat.

As with day-time coats, the shoulders are a little squarer than we have known them. Soft pelts are padded to achieve the right shoulder line. I think the new high-in-the-shoulder effect is most noticed when an evening coat of black seal is shaped to grip the waist, and the cape collar is bordered with black fox fur.

Asyrops of shoulder-lines, the Raglan sleeve has suddenly reappeared. At least, it has been introduced by a furrier whose taste counts for much in the fashion world. He has tried the effect with broadtail, and mink has been cut up for this shoulder-and-sleeve-in-one fashion.

Three-quarter squirrel coats are showing much one-sided fullness where the fur wraps over. But grey squirrel, though treasured for its marvellous softness, would seem to take second place this season, making way for the many brown furs which are now so very popular.—H. M. in Exchange.

FRUIT NECKLACES.

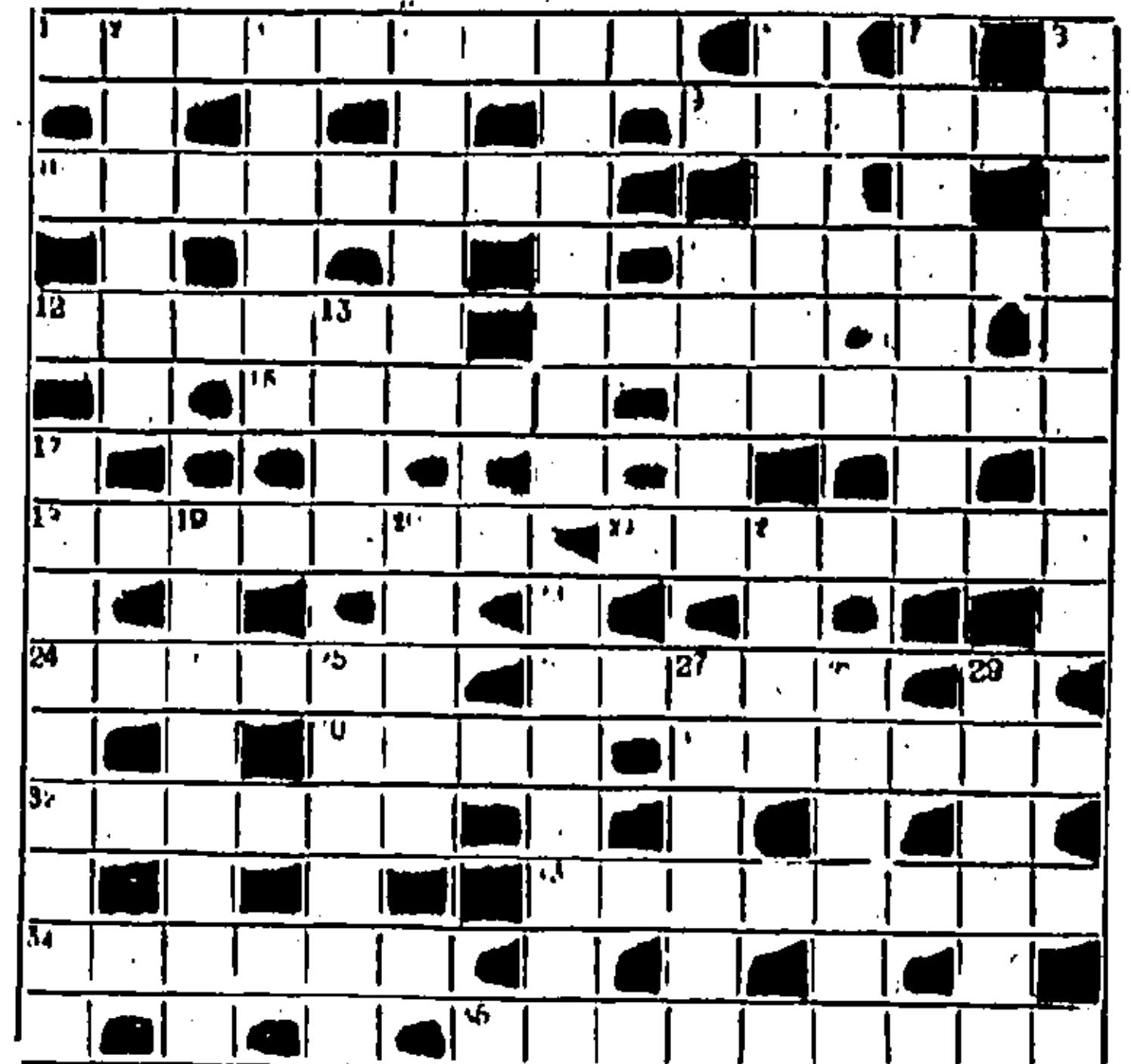
The newest necklaces combine small carved wooden beads with clusters of coloured china fruit. One long necklace is composed of dark brown wooden beads, with uneven surfaces, a group of brightly coloured, hollow and leaves placed in the middle of the front.

Paradise.



The Paradise decoration for hats is taboo in America, but its appearance on many smart French models has influenced the millinery mode. The feather balances the shallow brim on this distinctive hat.

OUR BRITISH CROSSWORDS.



Across

- 1 A weary associate makes victory impossible.
- 9 Dress material that, I hear, is fashionable again. Obtain it from a river worker.
- 10 Come down in front of the fence for this bird.
- 11 Italian city.
- 12 On the whole, the plan may be all right, but some of it, at any rate, is bound to be turned down.
- 14 There's a strong Dutch strain in this Russian.
- 15 She may act bewitchingly, but there's anger in her heart, nevertheless.
- 16 A rodent with sun shade must look a funny old stick.
- 18 "Angered"? What made it so angry? (anag.)
- 21 To this day is the darling of many.
- 24 Light up.
- 26 Egg-shaped.
- 30 Later on.
- 32 Well-known Socialist.
- 33 They strove against Zeus.
- 34 In winter's grip, but with more than a hint of spring.
- 35 Got up—but not at all attractive.

Down

- 2 Under such a roof a bird may end it.
- 3 Lives with.
- 4 More grudging.
- 5 This is speaking—but it can't describe a likeness.
- 6 Fruit: only one vowel.
- 7 All follow at the sound of ten.

Soft drinks only.

- 8 This is, always left.
- 11 The month for brisk movement.
- 13 Valuable china.
- 17 If this monster of the deep carried one letter more it would name one of Jacob's sons and a prophet.
- 19 Known to many in connexion with "a few words."
- 20 Smooths.
- 22 This boy hails from America.
- 23 The high priest winds up with "a few words."
- 25 Two letters—one before the other.
- 27 A unit of measurement.
- 28 To do so it is certainly necessary to go out of harbour.
- 29 The home of wild men.

Yesterday's solution.

STAGNATION. ODDS. A. E. L. I. P. I. C. A. I. F. U. E. T. Y. I. V. I. C. I. I. N. S. U. L. A. R. M. O. T. I. E. J. A. C. L. O. B. A. T. I. M. I. A. S. I. N. E. R. S. O. N. S. I. N. A. Y. Q. N. S. G. C. O. N. I. C. A. T. E. T. U. L. O. E. W. E. I. F. A. R. Y. T. H. I. N. G. N. A. T. I. O. N. C. U. M. R. T. A. U. T. A. N. S. W. E. R. A. B. L. E.

NEW CIVIL SERVICE CLUB HOUSE.

HANDSOME EDIFICE TO BE OPENED.

Boxing Day, 1931, will be a proud day for the officials and members of the Civil Service Cricket Club, for during the afternoon, the new club house, which stands as a token of the Club's progress and endeavour, is to be opened by Lady Peel.

The new building, rising from the ashes of its confined and none too beautiful predecessor, is a handsome edifice, and in addition to its exterior appearance, which leaves nothing to be desired, contains everything requisite for the needs of a club such as the Civil Service C.C.

Those who pass this site cannot help gaze in admiring comparison on the new building, for in place of the erstwhile iron-spike railings and hedge which surrounded and obstructed the view of the old house, stands a red and white building of handsome frontage which leads directly on to the roadway opposite the Memorial. The low roofed habitation of 12 months ago has given place to an attractive edifice which boasts of balconies and a pleasant entrance.

The club house stratches from the end of the nullah wall in Wongichong Road round the pathway to opposite the new R.N.R. clubhouse. A small balcony overlooks the Memorial and above rises the red tiled roof.

LORD KYLSANT.

HOME OFFICE STATEMENT.

The following official statement was recently issued:

In view of the persistent circulation of rumours with regard to Lord Kylesant's condition, the Home Office desires to state that Lord Kylesant is and has been in his usual health.

There has never been any question of removal to a hospital for X-rays examination, operation, or any other purpose. The statements to this effect in various papers are untrue and have no foundation.

The rear of the building which opens into the playing fields is half moon in shape and allows an uninterrupted view of the sports ground. Steps lead down to a concrete frontage, which in turn leads on to the ground.

The steps are flanked by pot plants and flowers, while white pillars add to the architectural beauty. The whole appearance is a remarkable improvement, and the clubhouse stands as one of the most attractive buildings in Happy Valley.

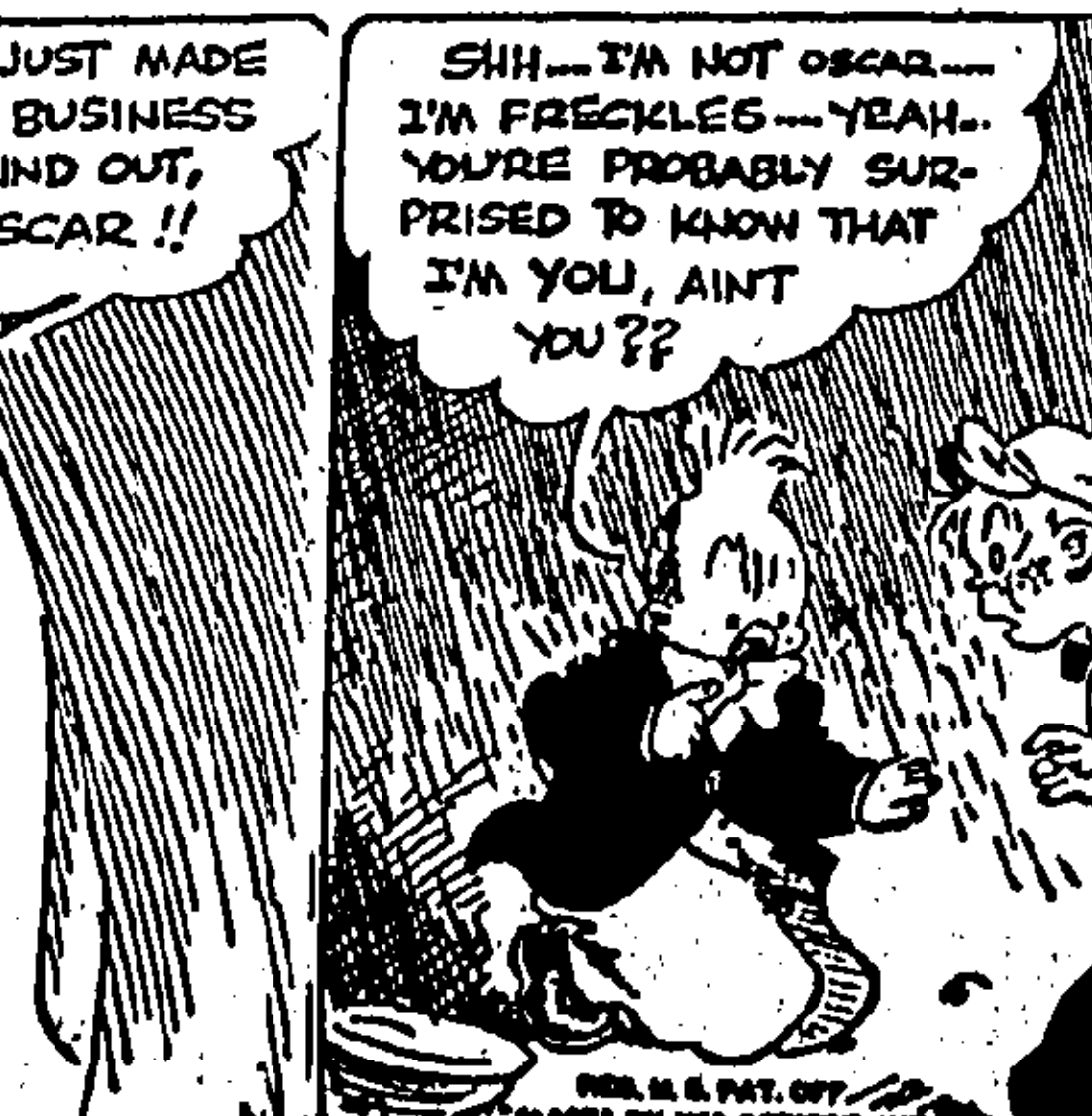
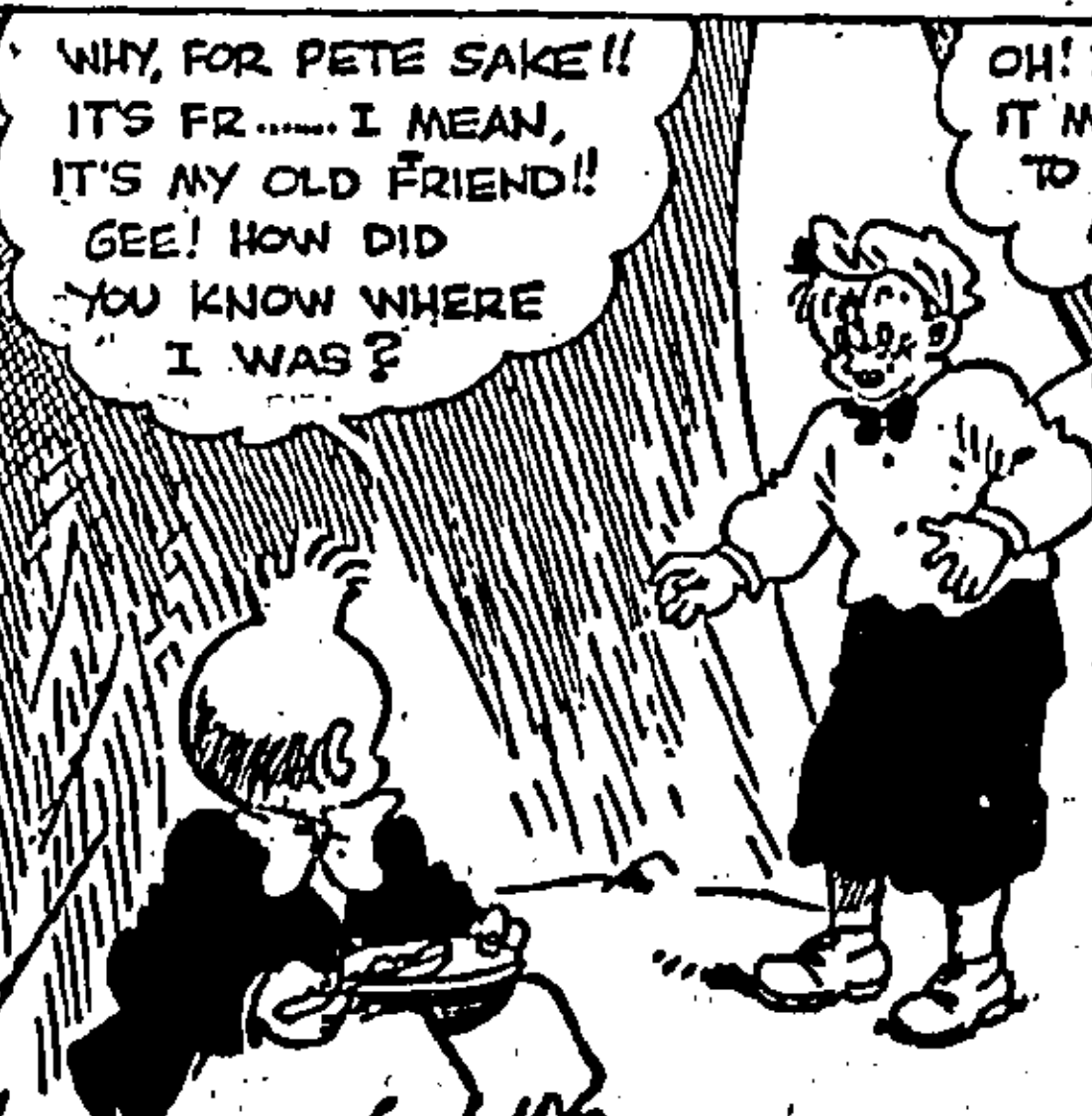
In the interior of the Club nothing has been overlooked. The centre part is set aside as a refreshment bar and from the two wings which lead away, one has been fitted up as a dressing room with lockers complete, while the other is to be adapted as a library and social hall. A balcony overlooks the playing fields.

The Perfect Gift



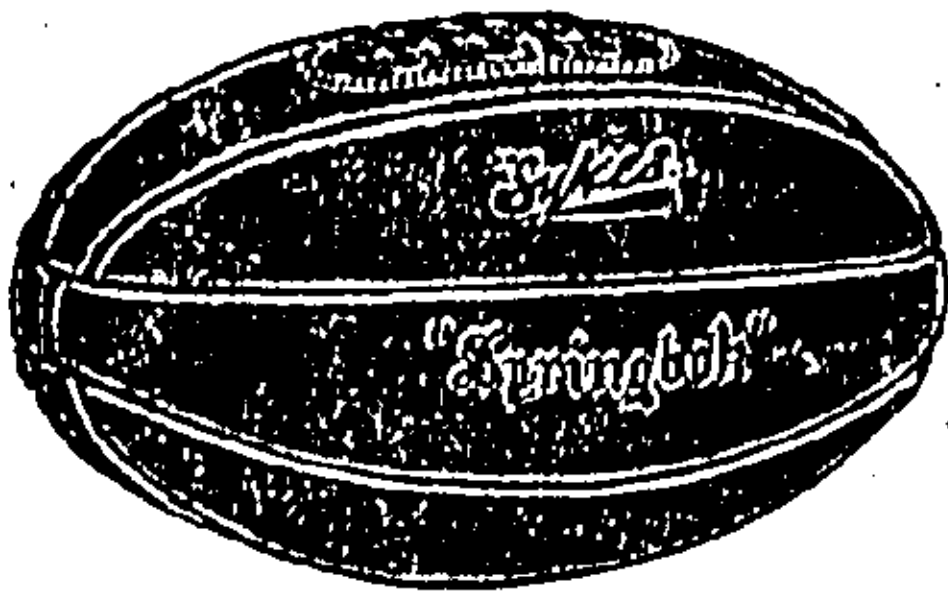
FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

WATCHING FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO GET INTO THE TENT, WITHOUT BEING SEEN BY THE GYPSIES, FRECKLES MAKES A WILD DASH FOR IT....



A Puzzle to Freckles!

By Blosser



THE RUGBY FOOTBALL

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" " " 27"	2.50	1.40 "
Palace Crepe All Colours 27"	2.50	1.40 "
Plain Georgette Double width	2.50	1.30 "
Printed Crepe 27"	3.00	1.90 "
" Fuji Silk	2.25	1.50 "
Printed Georgette Beautiful Designs	3.50	2.25 "
Striped Fuji Silk	1.25	85 "
Taffeta Best quality	2.25	1.30 "
Gentlemen's Striped Silk Shirts	6.00	3.00 each
Striped Crepe de Chine Shirts	7.50	4.50 "
Gentlemen's Plain Pyjama Suits All Colours	9.50	5.50 suit
" Heavy Silk Striped Pyjama Suits	12.50	7.00 "
Ladies Pyjama Suits Embroidered All Colours (underwear style)	10.50	6.00 "
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Ladies Underwear (3 pcs. Set)	17.00	10.00 set
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It was Harvard's aerial attack, directed by Captain Barry Wood, that turned back the West Point warriors on their own field by the narrow margin of 14-13. And this picture shows one of the thrilling moments of the spectacular game as the Crimson star, right, well-protected from the Army's rush, hurled the ball to White, the fullback, for a 30 yard gain. Passes such as this opened the way for both Harvard touchdowns, and both of them were scored by White. Wood, outstanding star of the contest, accounted for the extra points for goal.

WORLD'S MONEY TROUBLES.

EXPERTS AND GERMAN REPARATIONS.

London, Dec. 23. A Basle message this morning says that the special advisory committee will hold its final meeting this evening, and that the report will be of twenty pages, with several annexes.

The Dollar and Pound.

On the London Stock Exchange to-day the sterling-dollar rate opened at 3.4134, and the firmness of British Government stocks was the principal feature. *British Wireless.*

Hungary's Problems.

Budapest, Dec. 23. Only the seven and a half per cent. League of Nations loan will be exempt from the moratorium service. Other State loans will be dependent on the foreign exchange available. *Reuter.*

More Work.

London, Dec. 23. The reduction of Britain's unemployed brings the total registered to the lowest figure recorded since last May. From the end of September to December 15—the latest date for which figures are available—there has been a decrease of 252,000. About one quarter of this total is probably accounted for by application of the "anomalies regulations".

The biggest employment increases have been in coal mining, cotton and transport. The total of men, women, boys and girls wholly or temporarily employed therein, added to that of persons normally in casual employment, was, on December 15, 2,300,000. *British Wireless.*

VATICAN DISASTER.

BODIES RECOVERED FROM RUINS.

Vatican City, Dec. 23. The bodies of Professor Vattasso, a research worker in the Vatican Library, and two workmen, were recovered at night time. It is feared that three other workmen have been killed.

The deafening roar of the collapse of the wing, which is the oldest part of the Vatican, built at the end of the sixteenth century, brought crowds rushing to the scene. Fire brigades from all over Rome worked feverishly to rescue the imprisoned men.

The upper room where the victims were working was the so-called Hall of a Hundred Days, the walls of which were covered with frescoes by pupils of Giotto, Romano, which have been saved. The room contained many gifts from Kings and other distinguished personages to various Popes. A porcelain font given by Napoleon to Pope Pius IX, the grandfather of his infant son, was smashed.

The room below was the Hall of Consultations, filled with 15,000 books and priceless documents, most of which it is hoped to recover. *Reuter.*

A Terrible Loss.

Later. It is officially stated that about 15,000 volumes have been lost in the collapse of the Vatican library. Some can be substituted but many are very rare and most difficult to replace.

An enquiry is being made into the cause of the collapse, which it is expected will be traced to jerry building in the time of Pope Sixtus V.

The total death toll is five. *Reuter.*

SERVICE MEN COMBAT WANCHAI BLAZE.

PROMPT WORK SAVES NEW BUILDING.

The prompt work of two Service men prevented what might have developed into a serious fire in the Wanchai district last night. As it was, a partially constructed building on the Reclamation at Hennessy Road lost a certain amount of its scaffolding through the conflagration, though the loss was comparatively slight.

According to Corpl J. Funnell of the R.A.S.C., who was one of the first on the scene, the fire broke out about 8.20 p.m., opposite "Papa" Seto's restaurant. The flames began to eat at the scaffold poles surrounding the foundations of a new building, and at this point Mechanic A. W. Anderson and Corpl. R. F. Powell, R.A.S.C., rushed over from "Papa" Seto's and attacked the outbreak.

A string of buckets with water from the restaurant were quickly forthcoming, whilst the Brigade were immediately sent for. Although the firemen arrived on the scene in quick time, they found the blaze had been overcome thanks to the concerted efforts of the two men assisted by the staff of the building contractors who were housed in the contractor's office close by.

One amusing incident occurred in the early stages. Messrs. Anderson and Powell first rushed across to the blaze to discover some coolies endeavouring to throw cement on the flames. Unfortunately their aim was poor, and the two helpers received the full force of a quantity of cement which was intended for the blaze.

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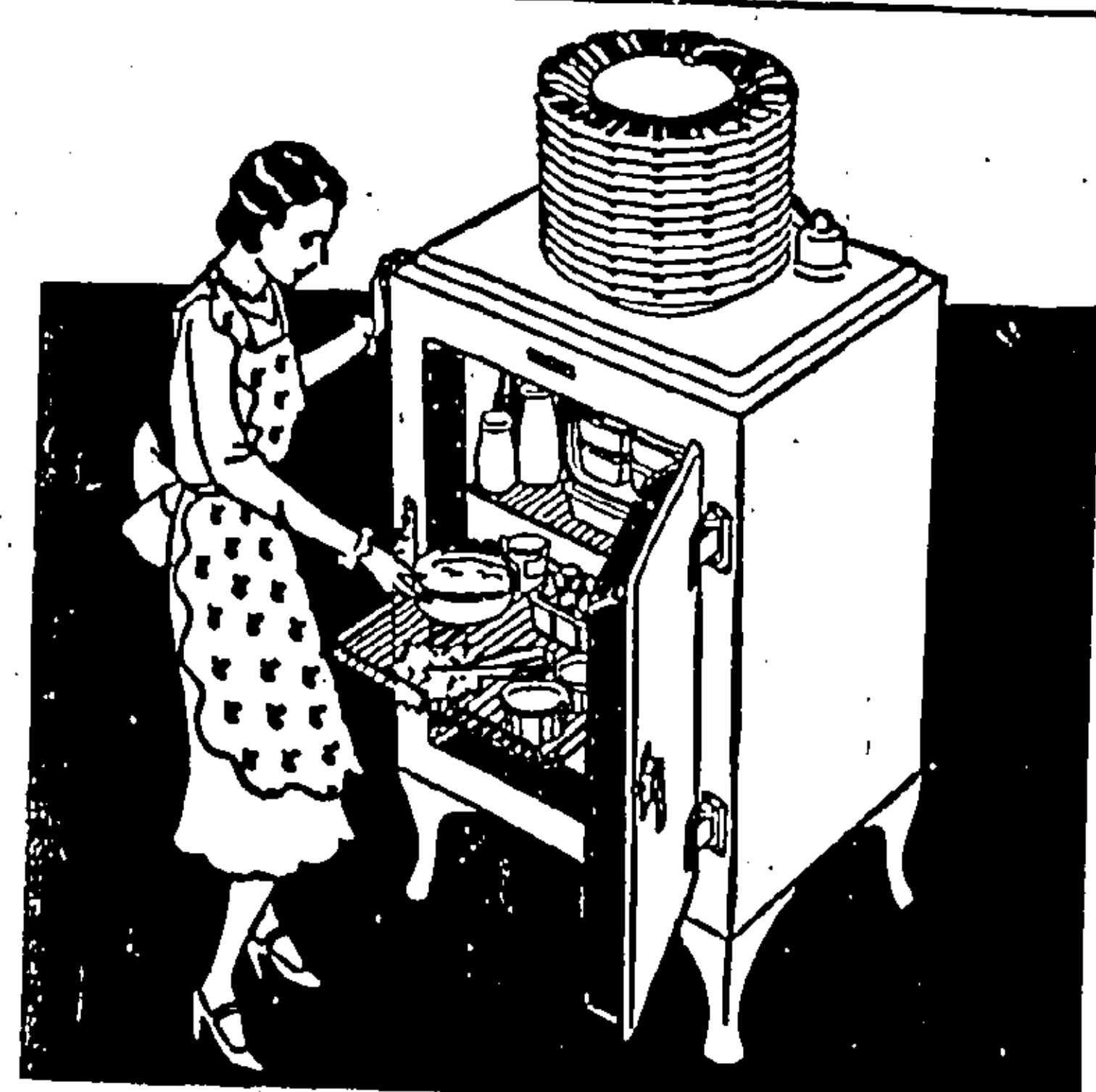
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PECULIAR CASE.

CHARGE OF "PLANTING SILVER TREE."

The practice known as "planting the silver tree" was mentioned before Mr. Fraser at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon when a man named Choi Kwong-kwong, described as a fortune-teller, was charged with obtaining \$150 from the complainant, Chau Wah-yan, by means of a trick on December 2.

Mr. M. A. da Silva was for the prosecution, and Mr. F. C. E. Rendall was for the defence.

Outlining the case for the prosecution, Mr. Silva said that for one to have a proper perspective of the case, one must have a good knowledge of Chinese credulity. The trick which the defendant employed to obtain the \$150 was popularly known as "planting the silver tree."

At about 1.30 p.m. on November 27, went on Mr. Silva, the complainant, who was the wife of the manager of the Yau-mat Theatre, was walking along Jordan Road with her sister when defendant stopped them and asked her if she wanted to have her fortune told. She was finally persuaded to do so, and taken to a house in Reclamation Street where she was given certain "charms" and asked to say certain prayers. Several interviews followed between the complainant and the defendant, after which the latter asked for \$150 promising to get her \$6,000 or \$7,000 in return. He said he would put the money in a jar which he would seal up, and in a few days, he would open it and produce a few thousand dollars. She said she did not have the money then, and asked him to wait until the first of the month.

Handed Over Money.

At any rate, said Mr. Silva, she paid over to him \$150 on December 2. This money was given her by her husband for house-keeping and for doctors' bills. When she returned in a few days to collect the few thousand dollars, she found that the jar was not in evidence. She accordingly asked for her money back, but defendant refused.

Complainant then gave evidence of meeting the defendant in the street and of having been given some "charms" to swallow on several occasions. She said she handed over the \$150 thinking that she would get \$6,000 or \$7,000.

Cross-examining, Mr. Rendall said part of his defence was that the charge had been trumped up by the complainant, as the defendant had stated in answer to the charge when he was taken to the Yau-mat Police Station.

The hearing was adjourned.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Destiny of Man.

[To the Editor, Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—I found Father Byrne's last contribution on modern and old Greek education very instructive and interesting. The old Greeks apparently had some worth-while and social progress—whereas education's only objective to-day appears to be the cramming in of knowledge necessary for successful competition in the struggle for position and wealth. It drives home the doctrine of the survival of the fittest right from the infant's examination room and turns out a mob of hardened self-centred individualists when, to my mind it should be concentrating upon the promotion of co-operation and universal harmony.

The present economic cataclysm is the direct outcome of our present day educational system. In its neglect of the only really worth-while of life's objectives—the betterment of man's relationship to his fellow men and the universe as a whole—civilization has over-reached itself in its inventive, financial and economic spheres of operation and is now in imminent danger of smashing itself to pieces on the rocks of insensate materialism.

Our world, as it stands to-day, is the creation of the thought and teachings of the past and we who are alive to-day all share in the responsibility for what it is to become in the future. Thought is creation and education's only aim and object should be the propagation of progressive concordance.

We are not working along such lines. Our greatest mathematicians and scientists, the prodigies of our educational system—apothecized monomaniacs—are, at this moment, deliberately concentrating upon the creation of a future to our universe recently described as a conglomeration of conscious formations moving hither and thither with continuously accelerating velocity, a commensurate shrinking of dimensions, a confused blur of intense emotion and then nothingness.

Christianity for 2,000 years has been striving to create a future realm of perpetual harmony as the ultimate goal—even the Red Indian of North America had happy hunting grounds under construction before civilization crushed him out of existence—and all that this egotistical, bombastic age can promise is a wild confusion of hectic emotion and agonising reaction, a bloody arena of elimination and final oblivion.

We had a thousand times better get back to the stone-age or the aboriginal life of Central Africa with their feeble glimmerings of eventual harmony than carry on a moment longer with our modern education and all its sordid, materialist misconceptions.

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FISH FOR THE EAST.

AIMS OF AUSTRALIAN COMPANY.

Mr. E. E. Forth, managing director of J. C. Hutton Proprietary, Ltd., Brisbane, who are large exporters in foodstuffs to the East, has made available information concerning a company to be formed in Queensland, with a capital of £75,000, to develop an entirely new industry for export to the East. Whereas all efforts along these lines so far have been to cater for the European and wealthier Chinese and native populations, the intention in this instance is to concentrate on the requirements of the millions of natives.

To a representative of the Courier Mr. Forth said that the new company—Murray Island Fisheries, Ltd.—will have, as a foundation to its activities, the export to the East of sardines, immense shoals of which abound in the waters of the Murray Islands. These shoals of fish are so close inshore as to obviate entirely the use of expensive equipment, such as trawlers, &c., suitable nets and dippers being quite sufficient for gathering supplies for the company's purposes. Mr. Forth added that negotiations had been made with a leading firm in Java, who are prepared to handle monthly from 200 to 500 tons of salted and sun-dried sardines. This method of curing is the least costly of all, and it is this factor, combined with the low cost of harvesting the fish, that makes possible the company handling its products on the Java market at a price which will meet the native purse.

Traveller's Advice.

"If Australian manufacturers want to establish a market for any particular line in the East, the only way to go is to have specialists trained and sent over there," said Mr. T. B. Hooper, in an address on the possibilities for trade with the East, which he delivered at the quarterly meeting of the Brisbane Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Hooper, who returned recently from a tour of the East, said that going round the big manufacturing centres of Japan, he had learned the real reason why Japan was buying such large quantities of wool. Japan had got to such a stage of perfection in her manufacture that she was bringing wool from Australia, and exporting cloth to other parts of the world, thus taking away markets that Britain once held. Similarly, she obtained wheat wherever she could buy it at the lowest prices, and with her cheap and efficient labour was selling flour to other parts of the world where possible. Australia should be doing that herself. The Japanese were able to export hosiery, sandalwood, and numerous other articles of good quality at extremely low prices, for her labour was not only cheap, but highly skilled. He found the same poverty in Indo-China, Cambodia, and Siam as obtained in many parts of the East. Japan presented one of the best potential markets for Australian goods. It was most important for Australian traders to remember that conditions varied greatly in the East, and for that reason he advocated the sending of specialists for a long period, so that they could learn the language, and get a knowledge of what was required in the country.

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IN RUSSIA NOW.

At a moment when the economic
system in other parts of the world
appears to have badly broken down,
it is interesting and instructive to
turn for a moment to the huge ex-
periment being carried out in Rus-
sia, known as the Five-Year Plan.
In spite of all the predictions of
failure, it would seem that the ex-
periment is being proceeded with
even well in advance of schedule,
as, according to the latest news
from Moscow, it is expected to be
completed a year ahead of the time
originally set. Ideas may differ
as to the methods adopted for put-
ting the plan into effect, but the
world cannot afford to ignore what
is happening in Russia, where
practically the whole population is
concentrating on the accomplish-
ment of this great effort. In the
meantime, of course, the workers
are having a very thin time, but
it is known to be the Soviet's policy
that once the first section of the
plan is concluded, the next step
will be to raise the standard of liv-
ing of the people. This, it is as-
serted, will be made fully possible
as the experiment begins to yield
tangible results.

One point to be borne in mind
is that the great majority of the
people, including the children, are
being concentrated on this huge
task. Indeed, the young people are
being taught to think and work on
distinctly communistic lines. Some
interesting facts on what is hap-
pening were recently disclosed by
a visitor to Russia, who found
that the League of Communist Youth
has something like four million
members between the ages of
fourteen and twenty-three. These
Komsomols, as they are called, are
the pick of the young men and wo-
men, carefully trained in economics
and politics, as well as in their
own jobs. They are active in the
factories, the villages and the
schools. Next come the Pioneers,
aged from ten to sixteen, and then
the Little Octobrists, from eight to
eleven. Each organisation in-
spires and guides that below it.
Each has its rules, its slogans and
its technique; but all are of the
same pattern and concentrated on
the same purpose. The point to
be remembered is that all these
youthful millions are themselves
being educated and are educating
others in a new model; they are
establishing new codes of morals
and manners; and they are con-
tributing in the measure of their
abilities to one of the biggest
economic plans which the world has
seen. They are a portent. And
the fact that none of them knows
except by hearsay, what a capital-
ist society is, or the meaning of
parliamentary democracy and of a
dozen other institutions that we

prize or grumble at—this also may
be a portent.

One query which is often raised
is whether the Soviet aims at na-
tional aggrandisement or at the
spread of its revolutionary creed by
aggression on its neighbours? The
Communists' answer is, of course,
an emphatic "No." They are proud
of the Red Army, though their
pride is not merely in its mili-
tary efficiency, but in the cul-
tural training which the young
conscript undergoes and in the
economic service he can render
to the State. But all this armed
force, they protest, is for defence,
not offence. They say they have
offered to disarm if others will do
likewise, but the world only laughs
at them. Everyone in Russia,
from top to bottom, says the au-
thority we are quoting, is under
the impression that the capital-
ists are itching for a chance to
destroy Bolshevism. The defence
of the republic, therefore, is a
supreme necessity, and the whole
population, including the children
in the schools, is instructed in the
use of arms or in the taking of
cover from air-bombs or in anti-
dotes to "capitalist poison gases." Apart from all this, Russia, is at
present, and will be for a long time
to come, absorbed in her own internal
development. Any foreign war
would certainly mean a serious
check to her great industrial plan,
and might utterly wreck it. And
so, if other people let Russia alone,
she will be only too happy to let
them alone. This seems the of-
ficial viewpoint, at any rate.

The Hiking Club "Peril."

It is the fate of many enter-
prises commenced in a burst of en-
thusiasm to die an early death
through lack of sustained support;
others blossom and die quickly
because they develop a stunt as-
pect. It is to be hoped that the
proposed Hiking Club in Hongkong
will come into being and further
that it will not succumb because
of the second of these causes of
failure. There is good common-
sense in the proposal to organise
walking expeditions. It is a de-
light to the eye to see a group of
young men, or young women, or
both, swinging along the road or
a hill-track, radiating health and
enjoyment. Those kindly feelings
become rather stunted, however,
when the call of the open is made
an occasion for freakishness. The
desirable pastime becomes the sub-
ject of ridicule and, eventually,
disrepute. For these reasons, it
is hoped that Hongkong hikers will
have nothing to do with special
garb for their jaunts. Salmon
coloured shirts and canary yellow
berets with sky-blue blazers
should be definitely barred, and
if the walker must wear a bowler
hat, the empty folly of a garland
of yellow flowers and feathers may
well be omitted. If the warning
is unnecessary, the Colony will be
grateful. But the illustrations
given of the undesirable in attire
are not the result of a colourful
imagination. Men so dressed
formed members of a band of
hikers seen in England quite re-
cently, and they are by no means
uncommon, even though they be
the exception rather than the rule.
And then there is the other type.
A short and stout fellow, perhaps,
wearing rather long flannels, giv-
ing an exaggerated concertina ef-
fect, red of face, perspiring freely,
and walking, evidently on acute
corns. It is a discomfort to see
him struggling along. There is
no exhilaration in his countenance.
If possible, the kind of heart gives
him a lift. It is clear that he has
been wise neither in his prepara-
tion nor in his choice of journey
and accordingly the impression is
gained that hiking can be an ex-
tremity of misery and labour.
There is, in fact, great joy and
pleasure in the pastime, but it is
necessary that enthusiasts should
look after its good name.

At the first regular meeting of the
Canton Rotary Club held in the hotel
Asia on December 22, 1931 Mr. Y. M.
Lin was announced by President S.
F. Chien as having been elected Treas-
urer by the Directors and Mr. A. E.
Quin Secretary. Mr. Chien also an-
nounced that Mr. Samuel Wong's
name should appear as a charter
member instead of that of Mr. C. C.
Lee as previously stated. It was
voted that for the coming month the
meeting should be held on one of
the Hongkong, Canton and Macao
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p.m. every Tuesday.

DAY BY DAY

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CARS HAVE KILLED AS MANY PEOPLE
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WERE AMERICAN SOLDIERS KILLED
IN THE WAR, AND WOUNDED SEVEN
TIMES AS MANY AS THERE WERE
SOLDIERS WOUNDED.—Stuart Chase.

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The next issue of the *Telegraph*
will be on Saturday. We take this
opportunity of wishing our readers
a merry Christmas.

His Excellency the Governor has
appointed Tuesday, January 26, 1932,
at 4.30 p.m. as the date of the Annual
inspection of the St. John Ambu-
lance Brigade. All interested in
the order of St. John are invited to
attend. Details will be notified later.

CHINA LIGHT CO. REPORT.

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The Report of the China Light
and Power Co., Ltd., to be present-
ed at the meeting of shareholders on
the 31st instant, at noon,
covering the year ended September
30th, states:

The gross profit for the above
period is \$3,633,229, plus scrip
fees and exchange, \$7,285,512;
amount brought forward from last
year, \$43,291,331; total, \$858,156,14.

After allowing for Directors' and
Auditors' Fees, \$3,690; Consulting
Engineers' Fees, \$5,842,22; Loss on
Sale of No. 2 Alternator Set,
Donations and Sinking Fund
Installment, \$4,583,29; interest, \$5,
238,45; Charge of Voltage Ex-
cess, \$48,563,79; depreciation on
Buildings, Plant, Stock and
Furniture, and C/Furniture, \$22,
790,29; total \$31,617,04; the
Directors recommend the declara-
tion of a dividend in respect of the
financial year ended 30th Septem-
ber, 1931, of 51 cents per share on
999,567 shares, absorbing \$499,783,
50; leaving a balance to be carried
forward to the new year's account
of \$56,755,60.

Directors.—During the year, Mr.
J. Scott Hays resigned from the
Board, and Mr. Felix A. Joseph
accepted a seat in his place. The
Board now consists of the follow-
ing gentlemen:—Mr. R. G. Sheehan
(ex-officio), Chairman, Mr. A. H.
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Robert Ho Tung, Sir Elly Kadoorie,
K.B.E., the Hon. Mr. J. P. Brana,
Mr. Lawrence Kadoorie and Mr.
Felix A. Joseph. Under Article
95 of the Articles of Association,
Sir Robert Ho Tung and Sir Elly
Kadoorie, K.B.E., retire, but being
eligible offer themselves for re-
election.

Auditors.—The Accounts have
been audited by Messrs. Lowe,
Bingham & Mathews and Messrs.
Linstead & Davis, who are eligible
for re-election.

ON ENVYING THE "OTHER FELLOW."

By An "OLD STAGER."

It is one of the worst anomalies
of life that most of us have to
decide how we will occupy it when
we are least competent to do so.
A man or a woman chooses his or
her profession or business at an
even younger age than they select
their matrimonial partner. The
wonder is in the circumstances,
that they appear to make fewer
disastrous mistakes about their
careers than about their mates.

Yet it is true that few people
believe they have chosen the best
calling. Politicians, bankers, an-
stockbrokers, in particular, must
in these uneasy days be firmly
convinced of this fact in their own
cases. This may be because,
whilst experience has revealed the
drawbacks of their own, illusory,
still points to those of which they
know nothing in reality.

The doctor, when his night bell
goes on a dismal, wet, or cold
night, thinks the lawyer has the
best of it. But the lawyer, pen-
ned in a stuffy Court on a sunny
afternoon, believes a doctor has
the ideal existence. So it works
all round. I do not doubt that
are Generals who yearn for life
on the ocean wave, and Admirals
who are thoroughly seafish.

Dr. Johnson declared that every
man would, if he could, have been
a soldier. That sounds, to some
admirers of Dr. Johnson who have
great respect for his shrewd and
penetrating judgment, like a sur-
prising lapse from grace. He was
probably, most people would be
inclined to agree, much nearer the
truth when he said no man would
go to sea who could get into pris-
on.

I hold that the worthy doctor
showed some perspicacity in both
observations, but more in the first.
His comparison between a ship
and a goal, in his sense of rough
confinement, was certainly not
incent when sea-faring conditions
were as they were in his time.
It is theory that military ambition
process all men is only another
way of saying all men have the
primitive quality of combative
avenger.

The Rustle Life.

John Bright's deliberate verdict
was that, could he have his life
over again and choose what he
would be, he would decide to be
an agricultural labourer. That
has often been sneered at by those
who cynically considered the
average agricultural labourer's
waves and conditions of existence.
But I believe John Bright was not
only quite honest, but very wise,
in his philosophy.

To dwell amidst quiet, rural sur-
roundings, to see the dawn and
the sunset, to watch the pageant
of the seasons, and to live the sim-
ple life, not as a conscientious
ritual or fad, but as a plain hum-
drum reality, must appeal to all
elemental minds tinged with
poetry.

On the sophisticated student
like Mr. Augustine Birrell, who
once told the House of Commons
he and his wife would remain in
town when everybody else went to
reside in the country, sees through
the illusion.



"Now I know who Santa Claus is—Mr. Woolworth!"—Passing Show.

The real snag about a country
existence, apart from the drudgery
and maybe the company, is that
its proper and full enjoyment al-
most necessitates just those at-
tributes that only the unwear-
is usually apt to develop. The
change of the season and the wech-
ery of the sunset and the dawn
are in most cases as completely
thrown away on the lifelong rustic
as Keats's "Ode to Melancholy"
would be on the average mate of
a lugger.

If John Bright had realised his
ambition, and turned farm labour-
er in middle age, I feel sure he
would have spent his spare time
nowadays at the wireless. If he
had started that way, and never
developed his intellectual gifts in
the arena of the cities, he would
probably have not risen above the
solace of the village inn.

Fancy—and Reality.

Life is generally so very differ-
ent, viewed down other avenues
than our own familiar one, from
what the fancy paints and the im-
agination whispers.

Not long ago I saw a wounded
ex-serviceman churning a street
organ. In front of it had a thrill-
ing coloured picture of a kilted
battalion charging with fixed
bayonets and a fine grand opera
air. I asked the one-armed trou-
badour if that was how he had
gone "over the top." His smile
would have skinned an adult
rhinoceros.

Romantic fancy paints the epic,
but reality adds a lousy tunic, half
a dozen bombs, and perhaps a
shovel, and sheer weight of pedes-
trian baggage restricts the pace
to a jog-trot of two m.p.h.

I mention that as a first-class
illustration of how, in this real-
istic world, truth shatters illusion.
Even Dr. Johnson would revise his
views about military glory if he
were alive to-day.

And yet we all, except perhaps
the artists dedicated to their
special art as a life-long hobby and
able to live up to their ambitions,
cherish these delusive dreams of
other and happier lives.

I am almost prepared to stand
up in defence of mine. I should like
to have been a sturdy, sun-browned
navvy, with a leather belt and
hard hands, digging the earth, and
wrestling with cinders. Think of
the freedom of it, the sunbaked
physical condition, and the rugged in-
dependence—a hefty navvy, who
cooks his steak on a shovel over
an open fire, drinks his can of
beer, and smokes his "tobacco" shag
tobacco, never bothering with
tallies, income-tax collectors, poli-
ticians, or social conditions.

The Only Real He-Man.

Your navvy is about the only
genuine he-man left. He is
master of his craft, boss of his
home, and lord of all he surveys.
A trouser-gartered navvy for me,
with tattooed chest and arms, and
that steak frizzling on a shovel.

There is nothing like waving
life, and all its absurdities and
trivialities, from within the
honest compass of a leather belt.
Your navvy combines all that John
Bright imagined in his farm
labourer, with an added dash of
adventurous romance that Dr.
Johnson pictured in his soldier.

I am convinced Miss Ethel M.
Dell would be cordially with me
in this choice. A navvy is the
very embodiment—almost the only
one nowadays—of her strong,
silent man. Yes, if I had my
choice, I would hitch my wagon to
a star with a navvy's belt, and
carry a copy of Walt Whitman in
my corduroys.

THE TRAMCAR PHILOSOPHER.

I HAVE yet to meet a more
equable-tempered man than
the tram-conductor. For one
whose duties compel him to tramp
up and down a narrow stair all day,
to stand exposed to the winds and
rain in the cramped confines of a
cheerless platform, to be polite in
the face of aggressive impudence,
and to dole out tickets and hand-
fuls of change he is the most amaz-
ing machine that was ever made out
of a human being.

It is his resistance of the forces
that have tried to turn him into an
automaton that is the most re-
markable thing about him. He is
tireless and cheerful, ever with a
smile of son or ready repartee
at his command, and he will talk,
if you let him, on the most unusual
subjects.

He has a tip for every race en-
thusiast, a joke for every humorist,
and a new and startling theory for
the student and philosopher to
digest at his leisure. The details
of his ideas may lack proper adjust-
ment, but the substance of them is
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THE CHILD AND THE CINEMA.

SOME ASTONISHING REACTIONS.

PUNISHMENT FOR "ROOD" PICTURES.

What are the reactions to the cinema of the rising generation? This absorbing question has been the subject of more attention, perhaps, than any other problem of modern life. And the Birmingham Cinema Inquiry Committee, after a year's investigation, claim to have found the answer.

This Committee, which was formed to collect sufficient evidence to lay before the Home Secretary with a view to persuading him that some drastic change in the film censorship was desirable, have come to the conclusion after a year's deliberations that the cinema is "an instrument of incalculable and irreparable harm."

They base their opinion upon replies to a questionnaire. These have been received from schools in every part of Birmingham. Quite apart from the somewhat alarming construction which the Committee place upon the results, the replies are interesting and not without humour.

To the question, "Why do you like going to the cinema?" the replies must be a little disheartening to the managers. "Something to do in wet weather," "It is a change from the street," "Because you can sit up late," are a few examples.

A Vain Search?

One young gentleman of 15 stands out above the rest. He confines his reason to two words, "For beauty." He does not add whether he finds it.

Whatever indications of depravity the Committee may find in the replies of the children, the film industry should at least find some food for thought.

"Actresses" declares one youngster, "do not wear enough clothes." The moral tone of the young of Birmingham seems to be high. "I think that men or women who put the 'rood' pictures ought to be put in prison," adds another. This condemnation of "rood" pictures finds a prominent place in the replies.

Suggestions for the improvement of the "pictures" range from the plea (almost a prayer), "Let it be cheaper to go in," to "If the bit of bad was knocked out it would make no difference to money as the people would come just the same." Other suggestions include, "More news," "Leave out murders," and "More Comics."

A cry from the heart, which one feels has many echoes, comes from a boy aged twelve. "Don't let them talk the American language." Another vain seeker for beauty.

Leading Questions.

A great deal of the report is devoted to the effect which children say, various types of film have upon them. One feels that they would be rather more valuable if the questions had been less of the "leading" variety. "Do the pictures keep you from sleeping afterwards?" for instance, has obviously inspired the kind of answer many children considered they were expected to make.

Many of them seem to have gone out of their way to describe the horrors of sleepless nights following a visit to the cinema. Nevertheless, through them all runs an honest attempt to describe the nervous excitement aroused in young minds by films of "horror."

An interesting question was, "What have you learned from the pictures?" Many claim to have learned much of value, as undoubtedly they have. History, what is going on in the world, customs, and the scenery of other lands, about "desserts and adventures" people. Others claim to have learned American slang; how the rich live; how to be "chivalrous"; how to meet from the pocket; how to "strangle"; and how to kiss. Such are among the pearls of learning passed on to them from the screen.

Shades of Ovid!

One young man has discovered how "to love and murder people at the same time," while one child of twelve sums up his whole experience in the words, "Nothing at all except the art of love."

Out of the vast weight of evidence which may well be used against the cinema as a result of the Committee's activities, one effect of the screen upon the young of Birmingham stands out, challenging the support of all parents and guardians. "Pictures," writes the author, aged eleven, "affects children in a good way. It teaches them to be quiet when anybody is talking."

For that much credit the industry should be profoundly thankful.

WOMEN CRITICS OF STABLE-BOY'S RUSE. R.S.P.C.A.

"MORE DETAILED ACCOUNTS" SOUGHT.

Lady Cory and other members of the R.S.P.C.A. have been pressing for detailed accounts in the morning of the organization held at the R.S.P.C.A. to which only those with tickets, or who were personally known to Lady Cory, were admitted.

Mr. C. B. Carryer, of Leicester, who presided, said that the meeting had been called because those present felt that they ought to have more voice in the society's management.

Mrs. Herbert proposed the first of the resolutions on the agenda, when urged that the accounts should be presented in a more detailed and comprehensive form, and that the expenditure on each activity of the society should be given separately and fully detailed. "We must press for more information," said Mrs. Herbert, and she referred to different items in the accounts which she had referred to her rather extraordinary.

Bank Overdraft.

"I wonder if you have noticed this item, 'Interest on bank overdraft, £500,'" she said. "A considerable sum of money, and you could do a great deal with it. Was it necessary for the society, with a large sum of money, to go to a bank and borrow money?" A voice: Disgraceful.

Another item quoted by Mrs. Herbert was, "Flag day, cost of supplies, £250; amount realised, £150."

The resolution was carried, whereupon Lady Cory moved another calling for the rules of the society to be added to "so as to give the body of members more influence in the work of the society, with the object of adding to its efficiency and energy."

One rule which she suggested was "that in the annual report a detailed account of any campaign of propaganda done by the society during the year should be given, mentioning towns and country places visited, and what forms of publicity were worked against, and used by the lecturers in different places."

Her reason for suggesting this rule, said Lady Cory, was that she had had many letters from members and keen animal lovers asking why nothing was done in the way of propaganda against stag-hunting "atrocities," and concerning performing animals.

This resolution was also carried, as was another, proposed by Mrs. Philip Scott, which urged that, when a resolution for the annual meeting was rejected by the council as being inadmissible on legal grounds a copy of the legal opinion should be forwarded to the proposer of the resolution.

21 YEARS AGO.

SOME EXTRACTS FROM THE "TELEGRAPH" FILES.

The following extracts are from the *Hongkong Telegraph* for the week ended December 31st, 1910.

The rate of the dollar on demand was 1s. 10.3/16d.

Lieut. A. Machado, private secretary of a former Governor, was appointed Governor of Macao.

Sir Henry May was appointed Governor of Fiji.

The death occurred at sea of Captain J. Warrack, of the China Navigation Company.

Mr. A. F. Churchill was appointed First Assistant Director of the P.W.D.

SINO-JAPANESE CLASH.

ARMoured TRAIN FIRED UPON.

Peking, Dec. 23. Local headquarters state that during the night the Japanese fired on a Chinese armoured train at Tien-chuan-tan, ten miles westward of Yingkow.

The Chinese returned the fire, and fighting was still proceeding this afternoon.

Headquarters point out that bandits do not possess armoured trains, hence this cannot be classed as the suppression of banditry.—*Reuter*.

Operations Conclude.

Tokyo, Dec. 23. Press despatches report that the majority of the Japanese troops, after three days' operations against bandits, have returned to the South Manchuria Railway zone.—*Reuter*.

Mr. James Magee, known in the Port of London as the "father of the Service," has retired after 40 years as a Customs officer.

HORSE KEPT IN BIG SWEEP RACE.

Misplaced zeal and the faith of a stable-boy in the capabilities of a racehorse recently placed an owner in an awkward predicament.

The horse was Rivalry, which according to the bookmakers' list had only a 100-to-1 chance of winning the Manchester November Handicap. The owner is Mr. R. Clifford, of the Dover House, Newbury, Berkshire, and the stable-boy is a lad employed by Captain Menace, the trainer, of Lambourn, Berkshire.

Mr. Clifford had given instructions that Rivalry was to be struck out of the November Handicap and run in the Farewell Handicap at the same Manchester meeting because, when he considered his mare had an excellent chance of winning the latter race, he thought its chances of getting even a place in the big race were 1,000 to 1.

Stable-boy's Letter.

The stable-boy, however, apparently thought differently, for, to Mr. Clifford's chagrin, he wrote to a number of holders of Rivalry tickets in the Irish Sweepstakes asserting that he thought it had a chance of winning the big race if only Mr. Clifford would let it run.

One of the persons to whom the stable-boy wrote was Mr. Roland Hinton, who, with four other members of Conisburgh, near Doncaster, holds a Rivalry ticket. In his letter to Mr. Hinton the stable-boy says, referring to the horse:

Mr. Clifford says he would let her run in the big race if he had a good offer to do so. He would accept £50 running expenses and

"TELEGRAPH" ART SUPPLEMENT.

Varied Pictured on

There will be a varied display of topical pictures in the "Telegraph" Art Supplement, which will be published on Monday, January 4th, next. Amongst the sporting events covered will be the Peking races, the mixed games tournament at the C.A.C., the hockey match between Hongkong Ladies and the R.A.M.C., the football match between Hongkong and Canton Chinese teams, and the rugby game between Kowloon and the Hermes.

The funeral of the late P. C. Morse will be illustrated, whilst other pictures will include groups taken at the R.A.O.C. children's concert party and the German Christmas play.

Several other photographs will go to make up an attractive issue.

10 per cent. of the prize money in a sweep ticket. Will you make him an offer?

It would mean your paying £50 to have a chance of winning one of the big prizes less 10 per cent., but otherwise he will not run.

Mr. Hinton regarded the letter as a "fake," and showed it to the police, but Mr. Clifford disclosed that the stable-boy, "in an excess of zeal," had apparently written to a number of ticket holders.

"It was my very definite intention," said Mr. Clifford, "not to run the mare in the November Handicap."

£5,000 if Mare Won.

"Then I received a cable from Australia from a sweep ticket holder out there saying that I was on to £5,000 if the mare won the big race. This was followed by a visit from a London man who had also a Rivalry ticket, and he told me about the stable-boy's letter."

"I told him that I knew nothing about that letter, and certainly had not made the suggestion contained in it. The man pointed out that if the mare ran it would make a very great difference to him and the other ticket holders, and eventually I agreed to let her take her chance."

Rivalry ran and failed to get a place.

HERR HITLER HURT.

NARROW ESCAPE IN MOTOR COLLISION.

Berlin, Dec. 23. The Nazi leader, Herr Hitler, narrowly escaped death when he was involved in a motor car accident in which his car crashed into a stationary car.

Herr Hitler was thrown into the windscreen, broke a finger and sustained many cuts and bruises.—*Reuter's Special Service*.

WOMAN'S OCEAN LOVE DRAMA.

LINER SHOOTING AFTER DANCE.

An ocean love drama is believed to be the explanation of the shooting of Miss Phoebe Sorel, a well-to-do American who was found drowned in her cabin in the motor liner Asturias on its arrival off Cherbourg from South America.

Miss Sorel, who is 35, lies between life and death in a Southampton nursing home. Her home is in Park-lane, Douglas, Long Island, New York. She is a frequent visitor to London.

A friend of hers, who was in the Asturias with her, stated:— "Miss Sorel was born in Paris, her father being Greek and her mother French. While still a designer in Paris, and afterwards went to New York, where she made a fortune."

Farewell Party.

"When not travelling on business, she lives in New York, and has a wide circle of friends and clients."

Another fellow-passenger said: "When it was suggested, as we heard Cherbourg, that we should have a farewell dance, Miss Sorel was among the first to agree."

The party went on cheerfully. After the dance Miss Sorel was a little troubled, and asked to see a mutual friend. As it was then 12.30 a.m., she was advised to wait until the morning to see him.

"She returned to her cabin, and about half an hour later one of the crew heard moans. He knocked at her door, and getting no answer, looked inside. Then he saw her on the floor, with a pistol beside her. But nobody heard the shooting."

Detectives' Watch.

When the liner reached Southampton Miss Sorel was rushed to a nursing home.

Detectives are waiting at the nursing home in the hope that she will be able to make a statement, but so far she has murmured only incoherent words at intervals.

Miss Sorel's cabin has been locked and sealed, and her personal property, including valuable jewellery, has been examined in an attempt to trace her relatives.

Det. Sergt. Hill, of Southampton, has taken statements from witnesses and members of the crew, including an officer who is said to have been friendly with Miss Sorel.

THE TRAMCAR PHILOSOPHER.

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often interesting, and his expression of them always entertaining.

Back to Eden

Some time ago I happened to board a tramcar at an hour when few people were homeward bound, and had the top deck all to myself. The conductor came upstairs whistling the "Last Rose of Summer," with variations of his own. He stood beside me while I fumbled for coppers, and handed me my ticket without a word. But he seemed loath to leave, and I sensed that he was sizing me up.

Suddenly he leaned over me in a confidential way as if all the world might be listening and must not overhear.

"I've been thinking things," he said with a self-conscious smile, "and I'd like to know what you think of them. Take Adam and Eve, now. Their sin was having children before the world was ready for them. There wasn't food for them, nor clothes, nor shelter. You see what I mean, sir?"

"I see what you're getting at," I said. "Survival of the fittest."

"Something like that, sir. Well, that's one of the things. Now take evolution."

"Ha! penny ticket, please!" I noticed a woman had come upstairs and impatiently interrupted our tete-a-tete.

"Penny, ma'am, if you please. You're not in Glasgow now!" "Well as I was saying, sir, about evolution. If you take a horse and feed it and its descendants for a thousand years on one kind of grass, and take another, and feed it and its descendants for a thousand years you're not going to have two quite different animals. That's my idea of evolution, sir."

"Then take Cleopatra and the Babylonians—excuse me, sir, I must go down now."

A Dreamer.

I got off the car shortly afterwards. As I walked for it to stop I remarked to my friend the conductor, "These are very interesting theories of yours."

He gave a pleased laugh. "Oh, it isn't so much theories, sir," he said, "but I often, think things."

If that man could master the language to write a book, what a wealth of interest it would contain! Few scientists, I know, would countenance his opinions, but here we have a dreamer, not a materialist, and his philosophy is as sound as any of Aristotle's fantastic paradoxes.

R. D. K.

RADIO BROADCAST

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME OF RECORDED MUSIC.

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5.00-5.05 p.m. Chinese concert from the Palace.

5.00-11.00 p.m. European programme of recorded music.

8.00 p.m. Local time and weather report and stock quotations.

8.04-8.32 p.m. Scottish selections. Aldershot Sea-light. Tattoo-Entry of Pipe Band.

Pipe Band of H. M. Scott Guards. (Col. 9110).

Song-The Auld Scots Sings (Bethune and Leeson).

Song-I'm Gled My Heart's my Ain (arr. English).

Margaret F. Stewart (Soprano). (Col. 4758).

Chorus-Auld Lang Syne (Traditional).

Chorus-Annie Laurie (Traditional).

1,250 Voices. (Col. 4292).

Vocal Gema from Sir Harry Lauder Songs. The Border Singers. (Col. DX113).

8.32-9.00 p.m. Christmas records. Christmas hymns and carols.

The Trinity Choir. (Victor 35788-35940).

An English Christmas (Descriptive Sketch).

Anonymous. (H.M.V. C2078).

Chimes-(a) Christmas Bells (b) Good King Wenceslas (c) Joy to the World (d) Deck the Hall (e) We Three Kings of Orient Are (f) The First Noel.

William H. Reitz. (Vic. 20903).

9.00-11.00 p.m. Dance programme of Victor records.

Fox Trot-That Too, Do.

Fox Trot-You Kasee You. 22793.

Fox Trot-If I Didn't Have You.

Fox Trot-Now That You're Gone. 22807.

Waltz-So Close to Me.

Fox Trot-Good-night.

Fox Trot-Life is Just a Bowl of Cherries.

Fox Trot-This is the Misus. 22783.

Fox Trot-After To-night.

Fox Trot-One Night Alone.

One Step-Lady of Spain. 22444.

Waltz-Why Dance?

Fox Trot-There's No Girl.

Fox Trot-I'm all Dressed Up with a Broken Heart. 22768.

Fox Trot-Can't You See.

Fox Trot-When It's Sleepy Time.

Fox Trot-Down South. 22825.

Fox Trot-The First Girl I Met.

Waltz-When the Clock is Striking Twelve. 22754.

Fox Trot-Nevertheless.

Fox Trot-Look in the Looking Glass. 22722.

Fox Trot-You Can't Stop me From Loving You.

Fox Trot-What's Keeping My Prince Charming? 22710.

Fox Trot-Minnie, the Mocher.

Fox Trot-Heckle Jeekle.

Waltz-Reaching for the Moon. 22763.

Fox Trot-Really I Love You. 22513.

Fox Trot-Maybe It's the Moon.

Fox Trot-I Was Only Teasing You. 22727.

Fox Trot-Come to Me.

Fox Trot-As Long as You're There. 22756.

Waltz-The Kiss That You've Forgotten.

Waltz-I'm Just a Dancing Sweetheart. 22796.

Fox Trot-Old Playmate.

Fox Trot-A Faded Summer. 22827.

Fox Trot-Have a Heart.

Fox Trot-To-night or Never. 22794.

Fox Trot-Echoes of the Jungle.

Fox Trot-Limehouse Blues. 22743.

Waltz-Always.

Waltz-Princess Flavia.

Medley. 19066.

11.00 p.m. Close down.

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LADY MEMBERS OF Y.M.C.A.

NEW SECTION TO BE STARTED IN 1932.

The progressive policy of the Hongkong European Y.M.C.A. has never been more clearly defined than in the latest announcement made by the Board of Directors that coincident with the opening of the new West Wing of the building in February next, a Ladies' section of the Association is to be formed.

The ladies will enjoy the privileges of using the swimming bath and social hall which are part of the new wing, while other amenities will also be offered in the way of tea dances and bridge drives. The squash racquet courts which are being built adjacent to the new wing will also be available for lady members during certain hours of the day.

The arrangements in this connexion which have so far been set out by the Directors are as follows:

Use of the swimming bath on the mornings of Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Use of the squash racquet courts on each morning excepting Sundays from 10 to 12.

Use of the West lounge every morning from 10 to 12 and in the afternoon from 3 to 5.30, excepting on certain occasions when the Hall may be required for special purposes.

It is proposed to arrange for light refreshments to be obtained in the mornings and teas in the afternoon, while it is also hoped to hold bridge parties and dances. The fee will be \$2.50 monthly, payable in advance.

The Directors have also decided on the charges to be made for the use of the swimming bath for the first year, and have set out a schedule for its use by members, visitors, ladies and children, Services and others.

Mixed bathing, it is stated, will be allowed at times to be stated later.

Mr. E. F. Selk, who has recently been appointed Sports Secretary of the Y.M.C.A., is in charge of the swimming section, and is arranging to give lessons to members desirous of learning to swim.

It is now definitely arranged for the new wing to be officially opened on Tuesday, February 2, when the ceremony will be performed by H.E. the Governor (Sir William Peel).

GEMS OF PERIL.

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Mary's silence began to eat the edge off the other girl's gushing manner.

"How's Dirk? Seen his mother lately?" Cornelia asked at last. "How is she?"

"All right, I suppose," Mary answered matter-of-factly although she knew the question was meant to scratch. "Call me tomorrow and I'll report. I'm dining there to-night."

"Oh," Cornelia's eyes slipped away evasively. "Well, we'll be seeing you, then. We're coming, too. Ethel's honor, I guess. Nothing formal, you know—just the family."

Mary didn't manage to act so well this time. Her face felt stiff as she smiled goodbye. They were approaching the gates of the Tabor place. Cornelia and her satellite swished off the bus, Ethel casting a provocative glance at the bus-driver as she bounced down the step. It was wasted; he was wiping off the windshield, and seemed unaware of her existence. Driving the bus along "Rotten Row" had made him impervious to flirtation; too many kittenish jabs had thrown themselves at his good-looking Irish head from time to time.

Mary seethed with jealousy as the bus ground on toward The Point, where the Jupiter mansion stood.

"Sorry I can't take you up to the deer, Miss Mary," the bus-driver said as he let her down.

"Thanks, Bill, I'll be all right," Mary replied, throwing Eddie's coat over her head as she ran up the drive.

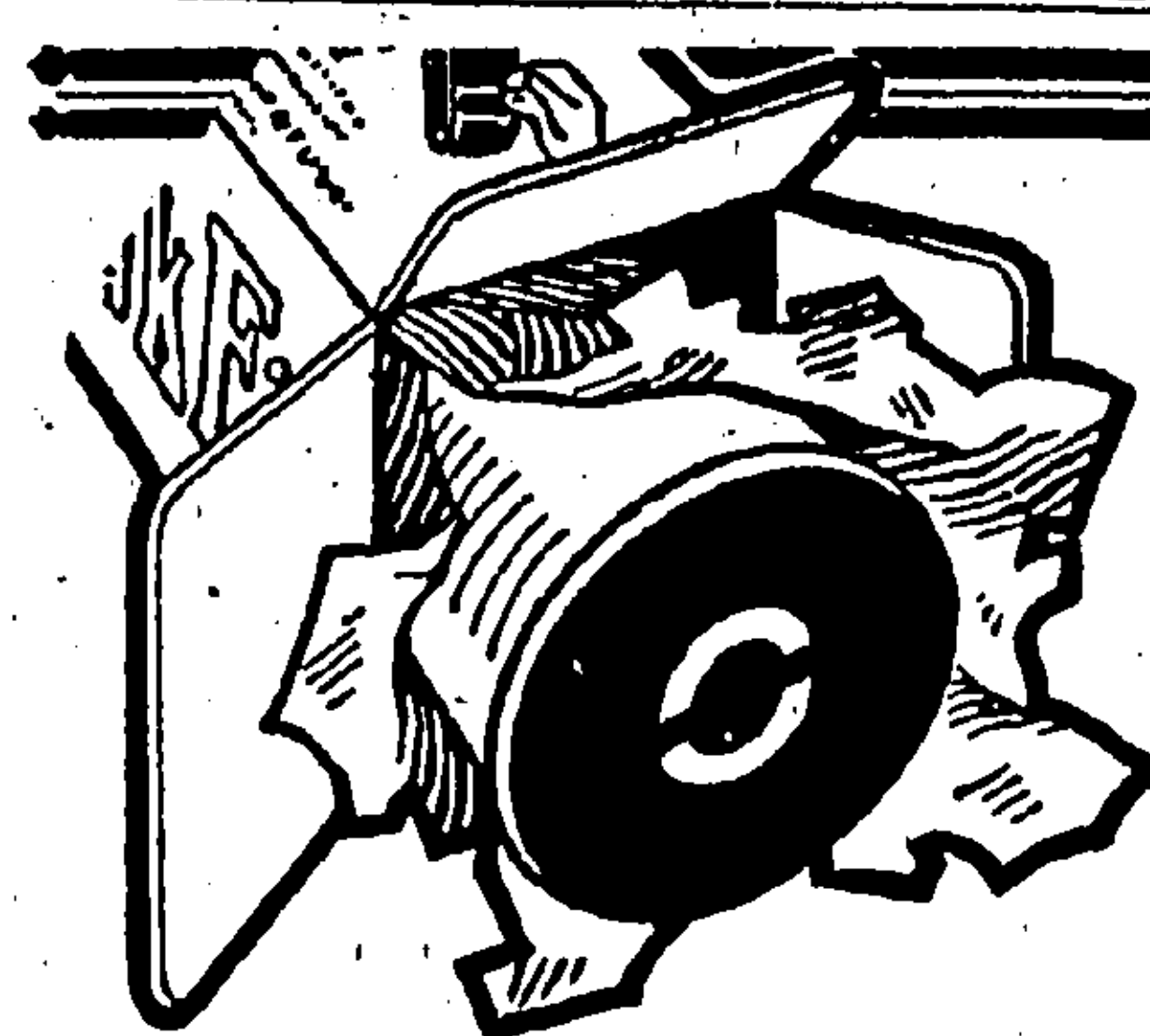
As she stood shaking the rain-drops off the coat in the entry she thought Spence gave it a second glance. He continued to study it as he took it from her. It had a rather obvious, plaid pattern, which seemed to interest him deeply. To her question about Mr. Jupiter, he answered absently.

"He's in the library, playing patience. And you'd best hurry on, he's been asking after you since breakfast. E-don't like poker, and none of the chauffeurs plays cribbage. Ah," he broke off—"so you know that young man then?"

"What young man?"

Spence shook the coat angrily. "The young man who tried to crash the gate at your party, the night Mrs. Jupiter was killed," he answered. "It's his coat, I'd swear. Now how did you come by it, Miss Mary, if I may ask?"

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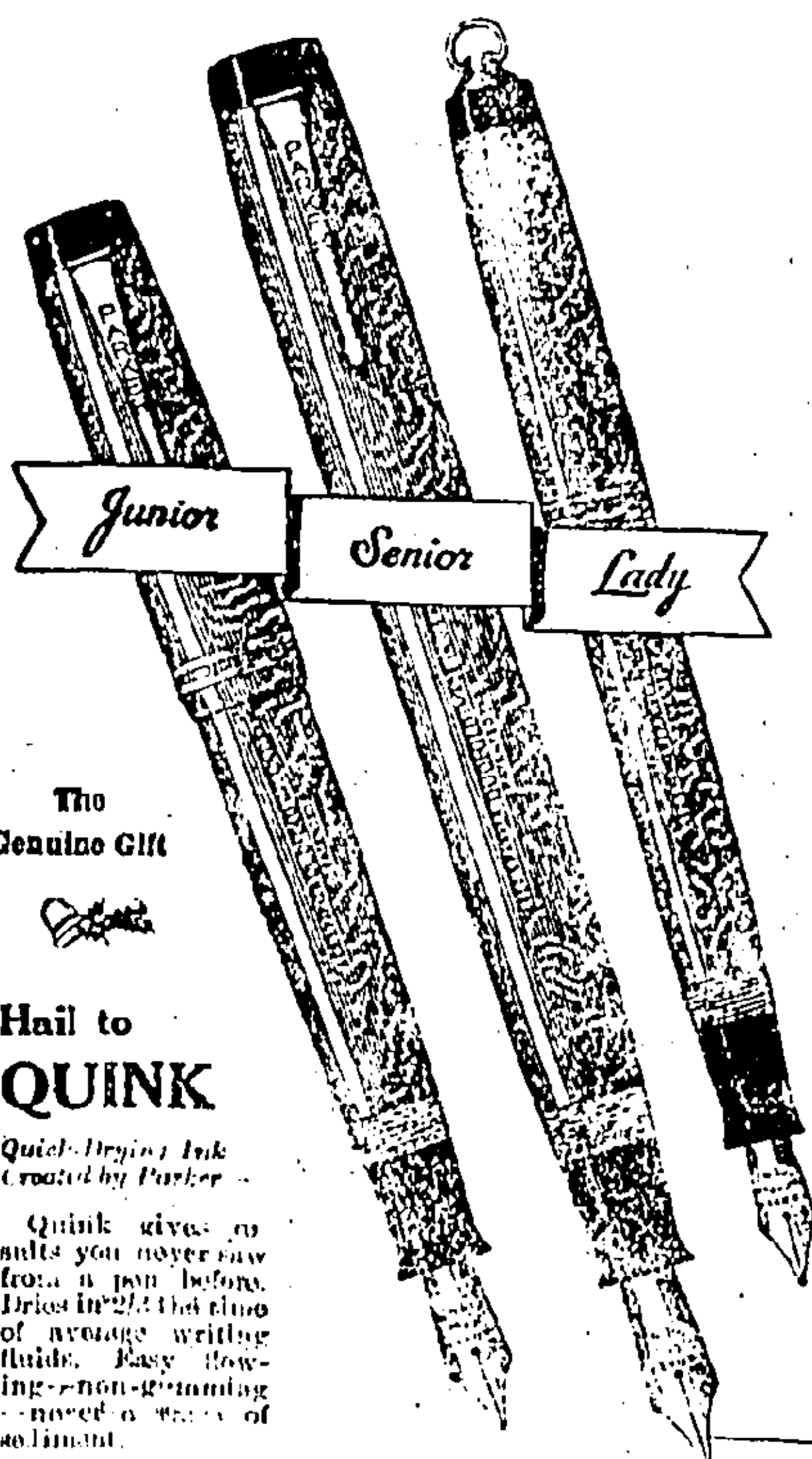
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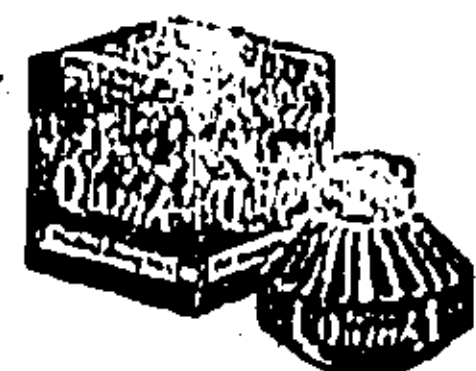
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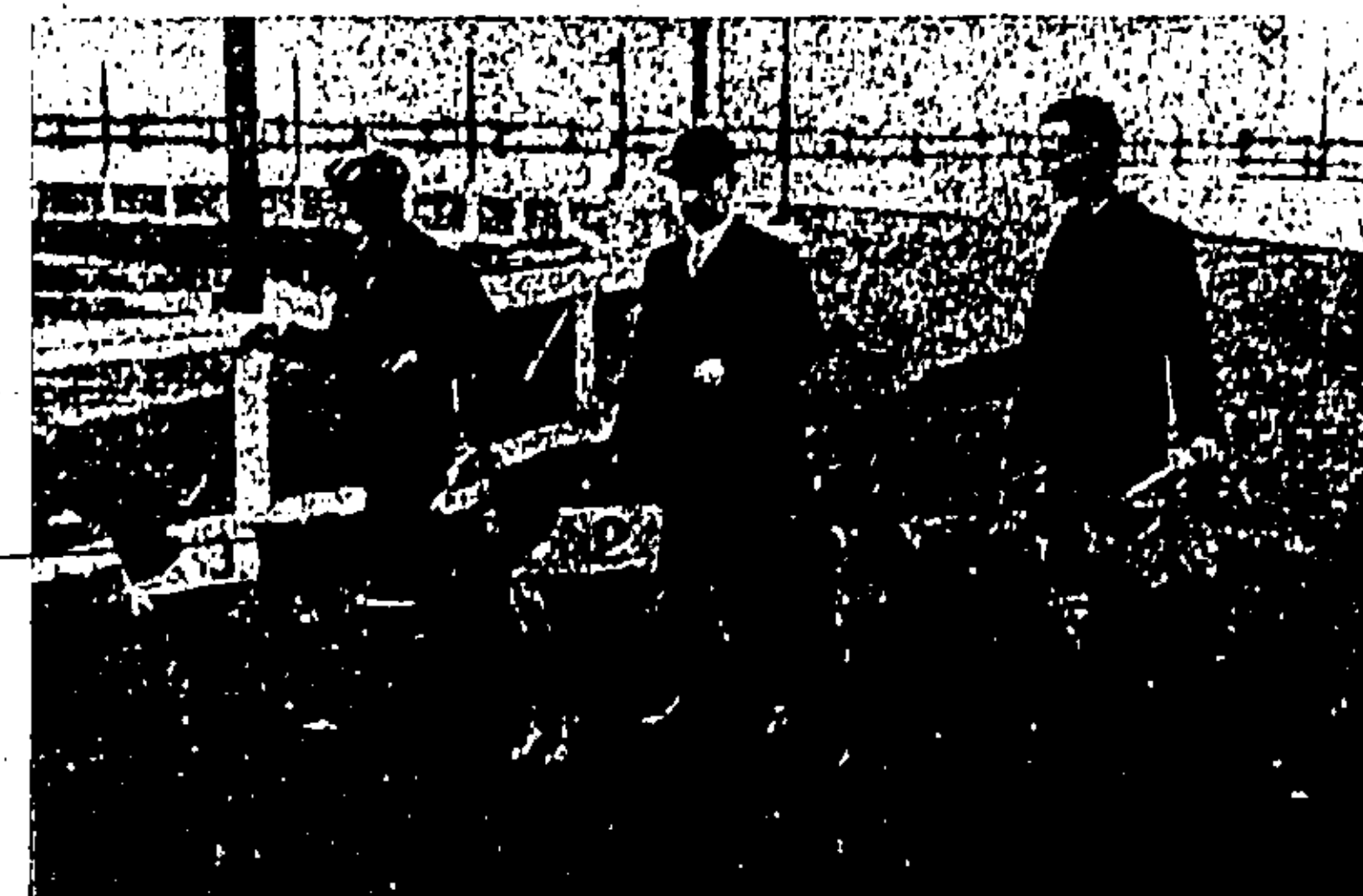
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At Entebbe the flight remains several days, practising supply dropping, picking up messages and other evolutions with the land forces. In Kenya, Nairobi will be the headquarters during twelve days set aside for visits to points in the colony lying within 200 miles or so of the capital, when the District Commissioners and Provincial Governors will fly over parts of their areas difficult of access.

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London, Dec. 23. A deputation representing all the trades, invited to wait on the President of the Board of Trade in connection with the suspension of the work on the new giant Cunard liner.

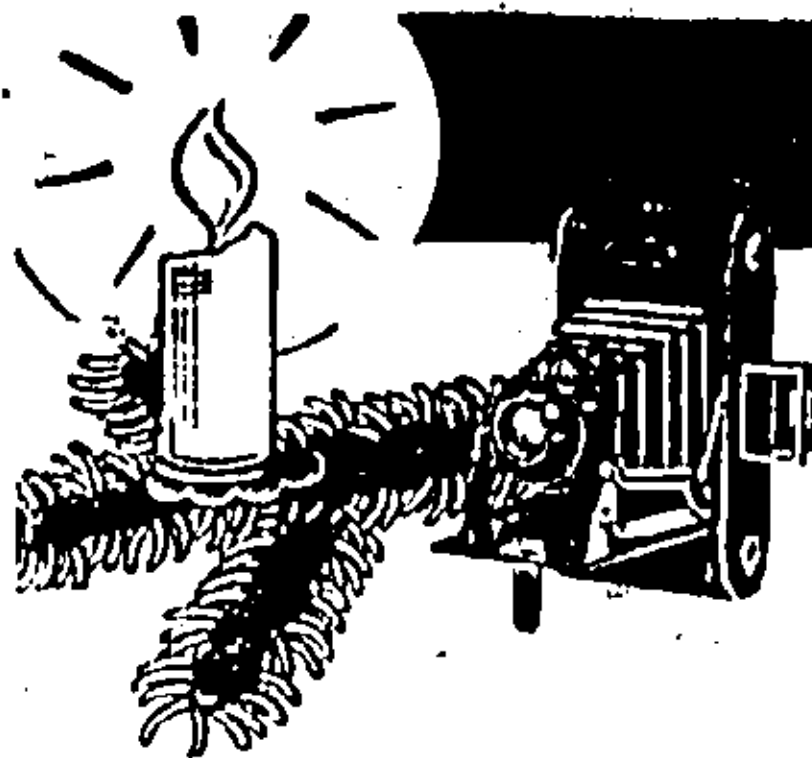
The deputation stressed the need that a special financial arrangement be made by the Government to enable construction to be resumed. It pointed out that 3,500 workers were directly and 7,000 indirectly affected by the stoppage, and it was argued that the prestige and advertisement of national shipbuilding were now at stake.

Sir Charles Hipman, receiving the delegation in the absence of Mr. Ramsden, was unable to make a statement as to the policy of the Government, but said he would reply in due course. *Reuter's Special Service.*

DUKE OF BRABANT.

POSTPONEMENT OF VISIT TO JAPAN.

Brussels, Dec. 23. Owing to the political situation in the East, the Duke of Brabant has postponed his visit to Japan, contemplated for March. He proposes instead to visit Indo-China and Madagascar to study the French methods of colonisation. *Reuter.*



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(Our Own Correspondent.)

Macao, Dec. 23. A Chinese policeman attacked and robbed two buses in Chinese territory, wounding two policemen, and a bus-driver, on the night of December 21. The assault occurred at Nam Tai Chung, some six or seven miles along the Macao-Shekki highway from Macao.

It appears that the bus was proceeding from Macao to Koo Hek, when the policeman fired his revolver at one of his colleagues, who happened to be sitting near the driver, and wounded him severely. The next to be hit was the driver, and the third to be fired at was a Chinese policeman who tried to overpower the desperado, and was wounded in the arm.

Not content with robbing the passengers of the bus, the miscreant also held up and robbed a second bus which had then come close to the scene. The wounded were eventually brought to Macao, where they related this extraordinary story.

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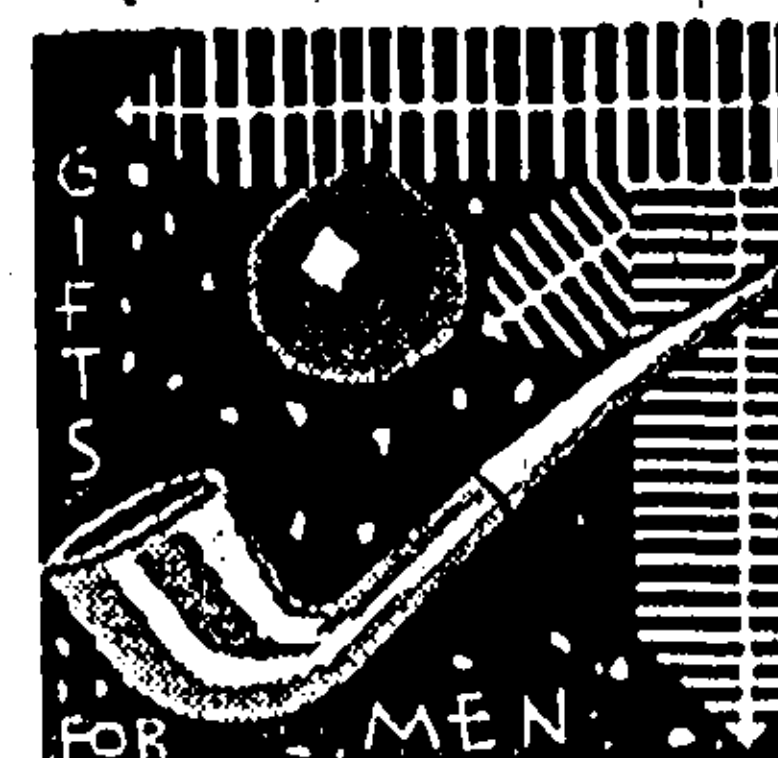
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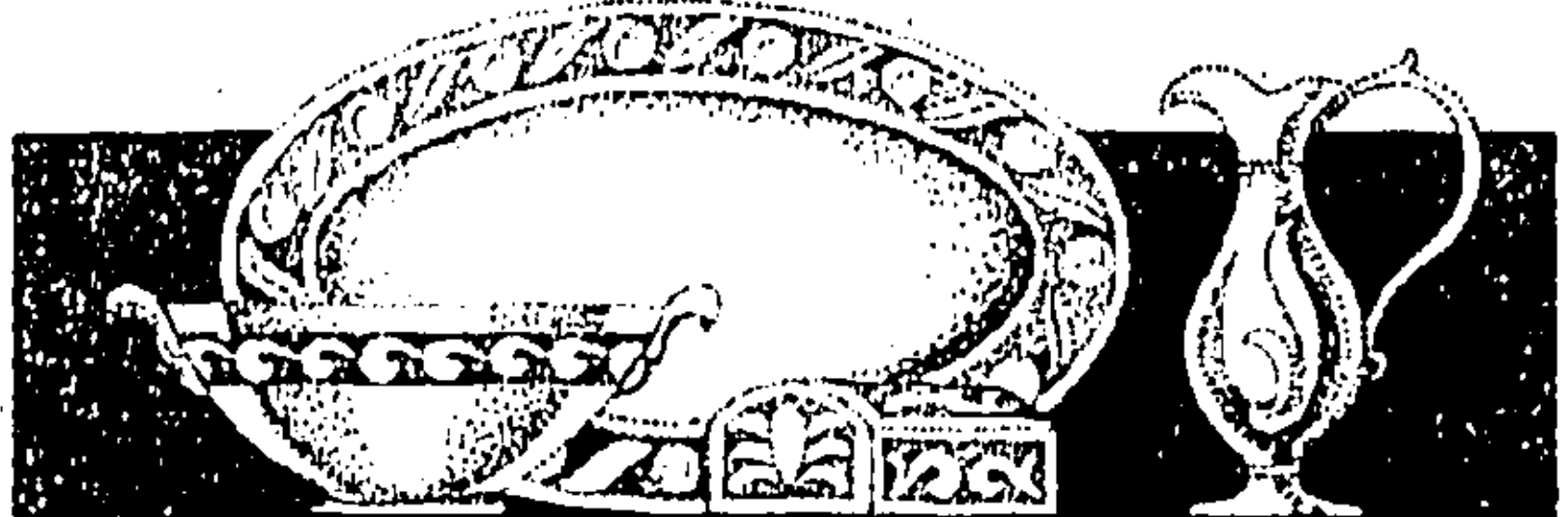
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"ALL-OUT" EVENT.

Boxing with great skill in one of the most memorable fights ever staged by the Hongkong Boxing Association. Signaldman Morris, of H.M.S. Suffolk, last night out-pointed A. B. Warnes, H.M.S. Hermes, and won the welter-weight championship of the Colony.

The contest went the full 15 rounds, with the boxers all out during the whole fight. Both went to the attack from the initial gong and maintained a whirlwind pace, exchanging lightning blows which kept the huge audience on tiptoes.

Morris deservedly won, though there was little in it when the judges were called upon to make their decisions. His beautiful defence, coupled with a continual right cross which he employed with great effect every time Warnes came in with his crouching attack with the left, earned for him the title, but Warnes had every right to feel satisfied with his display.

Both men were in the pink of condition, a fact proved by the tremendous pace which was set and maintained, but both lacked K.O. punches and it was fairly obvious that unless one succeeded in registering a lucky blow, the full distance would be covered.

Aggressive Defence.

Morris scored the majority of his points by means of his aggressive defence. His willingness to allow Warnes to indulge in most of the attacking must have been puzzling to his opponent, for on occasions when it appeared that the Hermes man had his adversary within reach, Morris would counter with some remarkably fine lefts and a wicked right which crossed and passed the A.B.'s defence time after time.

Though neither took a great deal of punishment, the boxing was clever and at intervals pretty to watch. Warnes left the impression that he would have been far more effective had he adopted a less open form of attack. His crouch and lead left himself a rare target for the wily Morris, and this nearly proved the loser's undoing in the eighth round, when the Suffolk man rocked him with a terrific right and a pair of jolting jabs. The effect, however, was but momentary, and Warnes returned to assume an offensive which forced Morris to box at his best.

The verdict was well received, and when Mr. R. M. Dyer placed the belt around Morris's waist, it was announced, amid cheers, that Morris had accepted a challenge from A. B. Shepherd, of H.M.S. Cumberland, to contest the middleweight title of Hongkong.

The Other Events.

In addition to the main event, the Boxing Association again succeeded in staging a series of exciting fights which left everyone satisfied.

A. B. Thomas (130 lbs.) of H.M.S. Suffolk outpointed Pte. Roberts (135 lbs.) of the S. W. Borderers in a six-round featherweight match, which was featured by the fireworks display of both men. Thomas was the better boxer and earned the decision on the evening's finest and clever use of his feet and hands.

A ruling by Referee Murdoch that A. B. Long, of H.M.S. Kent, had hit too low and was therefore

disqualified, brought a useful bout between him and A. B. Judge, of the Cornwall, to an abrupt conclusion, though Judge was holding a lead on points at the time and was obviously gaining advantage. The contestants punched with whole-hearted freedom and both took a good deal of punishment.

Stating that he was suffering from an injured arm, L. S. Hall of Cumberland, gave up his fight with L. S. Davies, of H.M.S. Hermes, in the second round of six-round event. Up to that time the honours had been fairly evenly shared.

Chased Round Ring.

Chased all round the ring, Stoker Jobbins, of H.M.S. Medway, lost to A. B. Baldwin, of he Hermes, the referee stopping the fight. Baldwin had his opponent on tenter-hooks from the start and by the fifth round had him running round in small circles.

An unsatisfactory bout resulted from the meeting of Stoker Harry, of H.M.S. Kent, and A. B. Waterhouse, of Cumberland, and although Harry was awarded the decision on points, the fight could not be regarded with any great satisfaction. Both went out to hit or miss and they generally missed, although towards the closing rounds, Harry discovered some vulnerable spots on his opponent's body and piled up sufficient points to secure the verdict.

Following a police court conviction, the name of Dr. Horatio W. J. Steen, of Warwick-square, S.W., has been struck off the Medical Register.



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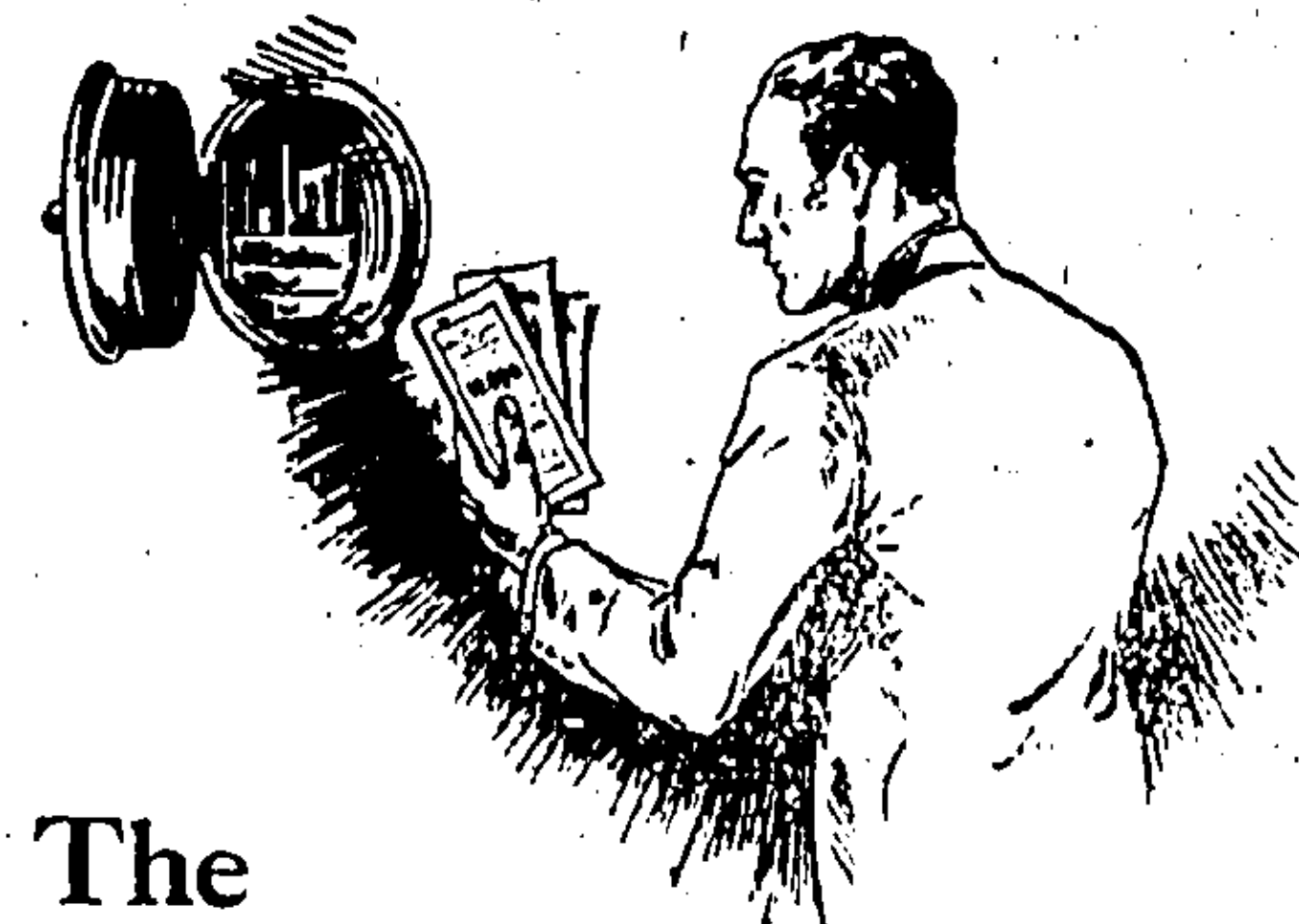
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LEADERS TO ASK HIM TO
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Nanking, Dec. 23.

Dr. C. C. Wu has been appointed Chairman of the Special Foreign Affairs Commission, which is considered a step towards the Foreign Ministry.

Reports are current that the Canton and Nanking Kuomintang leaders intend to petition Chiang Kai-shek to return to the capital to take an active part in the new Government. A delegation will probably proceed to Fenghua to persuade Chiang Kai-shek to emerge from his retirement. — *Reuter.*

New Government.

Nanking, Dec. 23.
There is a distinct possibility of the return to power in Nanking of the Kuomintang Conservatives, Leftists and the Western Hills Clique leaders to control the five Councils and the leading Kuomintang Committees.

The departure of Chiang Kai-shek and his statement declining to accept re-election signifies the determination of the Chekiang Kuomintang clique to give the Cantonese leaders an opportunity to reorganise the Government.

The Cantonese leaders are confident that both Messrs. Hu Han-min and Wang Ching-wei will agree to come to Nanking at the earliest opportunity to take over the reins of government, and political gossip state that either Mr. Wang Ching-wei or Mr. Hu Han-min will be elected President of the Executive Council and Mr. Sun Fo vice-President of the Executive Council, and concurrently successor to Mr. T. V. Soong in the Finance Ministry.

The Western Hill Party will not be left out in view of their support of the Southern Government in Canton, which has been instrumental in forcing the resignation of Chiang Kai-shek. Mr. Chow Lu, one of the recognised leaders of the Western Hills Clique, will probably be elected as Minister of Railways, a post formerly held by Mr. Sun Fo.

Mr. Li Wen-fan, a Conservative leader and Mr. Hu Han-min's secretary, will be elected head of the Ministry of Communications, a portfolio which Mr. Wang Pochun, a follower of Chiang Kai-shek, has been holding since 1928.

The Foreign Minister.

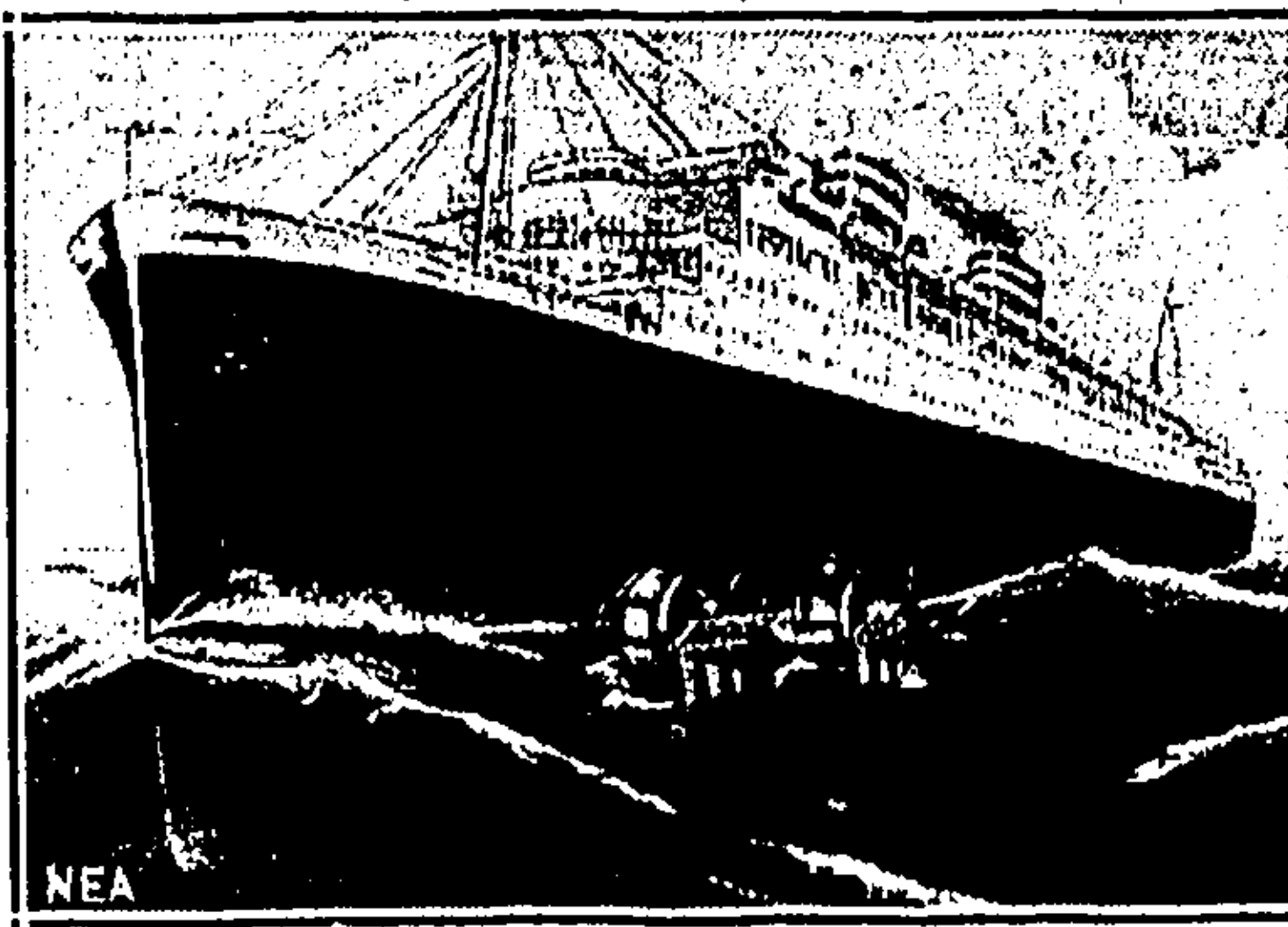
Mr. Chen Kung-poh, a Kuomintang Leftist leader and a journalist, orator and powerful writer, may be assigned to head the Ministry of Industry following the resignation of Chiang Kai-shek's relative, Mr. H. H. Kung, from this post a couple of days ago.

Because of the Manchurian tension the Government leaders are giving serious attention to the appointment of the new Foreign Minister to succeed Mr. Wellington Koo, who has resigned. Mr. Eugene Chen, who has been mentioned as the Cantonese choice for this post, has left for Shanghai and is representing the Fourth Congress in a conference with Mr. Wang Ching-wei.

Effect at Geneva.

Shortly after Chiang Kai-shek's departure for Fenghua, the Government received a telegram from Mr. Alfred Sze, the Chinese Minister to London and the Nanking spokesman at Geneva, tendering his resignation to the Foreign Office. His resignation has been

NEW ITALIAN SHIP.



It'll be good news for "bad sailors" when this giant Italian liner, the Conte di Savoia, goes into trans Atlantic service, if plans of the builders materialise. For half above and half below the water-line, as seen in this architect's sketch, is a gyroscope designed to assure an even deck in the roughest weather. The new 45,000 ton liner, recently launched at Trieste, is expected to make the run between New York and Naples in seven days.

rejected. The acting President, Mr. Lin Sen, has wired to Mr. Sze asking him to carry on until the conclusion of the Fourth Kuomintang Congress, when the Government may appoint more officials to assist him at Geneva.

No Military Changes.

It is considered significant that there are no changes in the Ministry of War and the Naval Department. General Ho Ying-ching, the Lieutenant of Chiang Kai-shek and Minister of War since 1927, has been asked to continue.

General Ho Ying-ching has had a series of conferences with the Cantonese leaders including Messrs. Wang Ching-wei, Sun Fo and Chow Lu and well informed circles interpret Chiang Kai-shek's sudden flight to Nanking as due to pressure from certain military commanders in Nanking, including General Ho Ying-ching, who has suddenly displayed an unfriendly attitude towards the civilian group. General Chen Ming-shu's speech at the Kuomintang Headquarters, which was reported yesterday and in which the former Canton Governor denounced militarism and the militarists' autocratic manner of settling party issues came as a thunderbolt to Chiang Kai-shek.

Gen. Chen Ming-shu's Part.

Outwardly General Chen Ming-shu was the representative of Chiang Kai-shek in his recent negotiations with Canton, but to inside observers General Chen Ming-shu, as the officer commanding the Nineteenth Route armies in Kiangsi, holds the key to the position between the South and North. So far he remains more or less neutral.

Admiral Yang Shu-chuang, the head of the Navy, will remain in his post. Unlike those of other countries the Navy in China does not play any great role in the shaping of national politics. The Army has and will continue to be the dominating factor.

Election Procedure.

The Cantonese leaders are devoting their full attention to the preparation for the coming general election at the conclusion of the Fourth Congress. It is suggested that the Canton and Nanking civilians elect two candidates each for the post of President of the National Government, to permit the Congress members to choose one candidate. Both sides have also agreed to permit the nine executive officials elected by

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The spacious interior of the premises was transformed, clusters of balloons, electric lights and coloured crepe and bunting introducing the note of festivity.

In the centre was a Christmas tree, which, large as it was, could not hold all the gifts brought by Father Christmas, complete in the traditional red dress, cowl and with venerable whiskers. There was a gift for each child present, and the ensemble, laid out on two long forms, made a glittering spectacle which must have dazzled the eyes and brought joy to the hearts of the young folk.

The fancy dress parade brought into evidence a number of colourful and original costumes.

Lady Peel, who was accompanied by Mr. Tufon, Private Secretary to H. E. The Governor, visited the party during the afternoon and performed the difficult task of judging the costumes.

The following were the winners. Girls.—1st, Bella Oliver; 2nd, Barbara Roe; 3rd, Rexie Stalker. Original Costumes.—1st, Betty Jopling; 2nd, G. Lloyd Jones.

Boys.—1st, Roland Cleme; 2nd, Jack Gecks; 3rd, Ronnie McLeod. Most original costumes.—1st, Roy Andrews; 2nd, Ralph Spence.

The party was further enlivened by music provided by the Band of H. M.S. Kent; and after tea, the children trooped out on the Parade ground where a Chinese Punch and Judy Show was given in the open.

A thoroughly happy afternoon was spent by all.
Mrs. J. B. Newill organized the function, assisted by Mesdames A. Walker, E. R. Hallifax, E. J. R. Mitchell, K. Greig and Stafford Smith. To these ladies and to a number of menfolk who assisted in putting up the decorations, the appreciation and thanks of parents are expressed.

The 260 Kuomintang Leftists, who withdrew from the Canton Congress following the disagreement in Canton, to sit on the Executive Committee. One of the nine men will become Executive member, two supervisory members and the remainder reserve executive members.

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